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Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, Circuit Court Judge

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V.

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1 Q Obviously, this one you got to take into account that  
2 the tree is stationary, right?

3 A That's correct, which is easier actually.

4 Q Would be easier ---

5 A Yes.

6 Q --- if there was some other vehicle that impact head  
7 on and get another speed?

8 A That's correct because then you have more variables  
9 that you have to account for.

10 Q So since you knew that this truck had impacted that  
11 tree you had a known and could you -- you create a force  
12 and the transfer that into a miles per hour?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q Tell the jury what the -- how fast in miles per hour  
15 that Dodge Dakota was traveling when it impacted the tree?

16 A The impact of the tree and miles per hour 15.91 miles  
17 per hour.

18 Q 15.91 miles per hour when the Dodge Dakota pickup  
19 truck impacted that tree?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q 15.91 mile per hour impacted that tree?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q Okay. And I know you been doing this for a while,  
24 but, I guess, in relatively speaking is a 15.9 or 16 mile  
25 per hour collision into a tree is that a particularly high

1 risk for fatality?

2 A No, that's -- we see speeds much greater than that on  
3 a average fender bender out on the highway pass every day.  
4 It's not a particularly large or high speed.

5 Q Okay. All right. So after determine how fast this  
6 Dodge Dakota is traveling when it impacts the tree, where  
7 we go from there?

8 A On this one once I determine or once I was able to  
9 great that value, I then go to the next segment which was  
10 the vehicle free rolling until it impacted the tree or the  
11 Dodge rolling to impact.

12 Q And what do you mean?

13 A We can see it on the photos earlier. It's basically  
14 where the car stops and the tire marks stop. And then  
15 kind of see the path as the truck's going of the roadway  
16 up until the tree. So I'm taking the measurements from  
17 where the vehicle comes a final rest and where the truck  
18 impacts the tree. I'm determining how much speed that  
19 vehicle would have loose to travel that distance.

20 Q Okay. Do you take into factors like the roadway for  
21 instance any friction it would cause the vehicle to slow  
22 down?

23 A Yes. I did not do the roadway friction for this area  
24 because there's no indication that the vehicle's breaking.  
25 There was one area of gauging off the right side of the

1 roadway that was in line with the path of the travel.  
2 However -- here's the deal, whenever we do calculations,  
3 we use the most conservative method, most conservative  
4 values that we can to benefit the driver that we're  
5 looking at. So I did not even count in the speed that  
6 would have been lost gauging into that pavement. In this  
7 one to answer your question, I did not account for any  
8 roadway friction in here. If I account for roadway  
9 friction, the speed starts going up. So I did this just  
10 as a free rolling vehicle. And the only friction values  
11 that I counted for use was the drive axle and a non-drive  
12 axle just to gear the friction that's created from the  
13 gears as they're turning.

14 Q So at this point you're -- I guess before I ask that  
15 is there any indication that the victims in this black  
16 pickup had control over the vehicle after -- at this in  
17 the sequence of the accident after separation from the  
18 white vehicle until they hit the tree?

19 A There's no evidence to indicate that the vehicle was  
20 controlled in any.

21 Q Okay. And so you're essentially assuming that the  
22 victims did not -- they didn't break from that point  
23 forward?

24 A That's correct.

25 Q They didn't hit the breaks from the time they left

1 the white vehicle until they impacted the tree?

2 A That's correct. There's no indication of any  
3 breaking anywhere out there.

4 Q If they had hit the breaks during that period of  
5 time, what does that mean down the line about their speed  
6 before that and the defendant's speed when she impacted  
7 their vehicle?

8 A That means that during the impact more energy would  
9 have had been brung into the collision, which then in  
10 order to bring in the energy you have to increase the  
11 speed.

12 Q Okay. So you mention that you're making it a  
13 conservative estimate and when you make this assumption  
14 again, there's no evidence that it was any control?

15 A That's correct.

16 Q But the assumption that there was no breaking, it's  
17 really in Ms. Brown's favor?

18 A Yes, everything's done in her favor.

19 Q Because if they had -- if they were breaking and they  
20 were going faster which means that Brown was going faster  
21 when she hit him; is that right?

22 A That's correct.

23 Q Okay. So you -- the end result of this point of your  
24 calculation is you're trying to calculate the Dodge speed  
25 at the point of separation; is that right?

1 A Yes, I'm trying to work my way back up to the impact  
2 point. So I already know that the Dodge struck the tree.  
3 And we round down, so I know 15.91 is closer to 16, but I  
4 would say 15 miles an hour is done conservatively in favor  
5 of whatever vehicle we're looking at and so I'm going to  
6 refer to it that way as 15 miles an hour. That's how we  
7 do it. So I know it's a 15 mile an hour impact with the  
8 tree. And then I want to see, well, how much did the  
9 truck slow down before it got to that point and what was  
10 speed at the beginning of that point at the point that it  
11 started to slow as it's traveling to the tree.

12 Q Okay. And you're trying -- you're backing up to what  
13 point in this sequence of the accident?

14 A Back towards the impact itself.

15 Q Okay. Based upon the laws of physics, your  
16 calculation, your training experience, were you able to  
17 formulate an opinion to arrive at the Dodge's -- the speed  
18 of the Dodge pickup truck when it separated from the white  
19 vehicle?

20 A Yes, and I'm trying to -- unfortunately, I did not  
21 write it down on here, so it's going to -- I can convert  
22 if necessary. But the vehicle that the Dodge separated  
23 from the Hyundai which is also the final rest of the  
24 Hyundai, that puts the speed of the Dodge at that point  
25 would be 47.6 feet per second.

1 Q Okay. What does that mean in miles per hour?

2 A To get accurate, I need to grab calculator real  
3 quick. I got one in my bag. I worked everything feet per  
4 second until I got up to the impact and then had converted  
5 it to miles per hour at that point. It's an easy  
6 conversion.

7 MR. DURANT: With the Court's permission, I like  
8 to offer him a cell phone just use the calculator.

9 THE COURT: Okay.

10 A I've also got my calculator in my bag. It's in the  
11 front pocket up there, which is on that first row. Let's  
12 see it is 37.6., 32.46 miles per hour.

13 Q 32 miles per hour. At which point now again in the  
14 point of sequence of this accident?

15 A That still separates it from the Hyundai.

16 Q Separation from the Hyundai?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q Okay. When would separation from the Hyundai have  
19 occurred in the sequence of this accident?

20 A When the Hyundai stopped.

21 Q When the Hyundai what?

22 A When the Hyundai stopped.

23 Q When the Hyundai stopped?

24 A When it expelled all of its energy and came to a  
25 stop, which is the final rest location that we've

1 indicated before.

2 Q So at the final resting place of the Hyundai where  
3 the Hyundai was parked here -- when you arrive?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q And that's the point of which the vehicles would have  
6 separated from each other?

7 A That's correct.

8 Q And the Dodge at that point is traveling 32 miles per  
9 hour?

10 A Yes.

11 Q It would have slowed down to 16 when it impacted the  
12 tree?

13 A Fifteen, yes, sir.

14 Q Fifteen, sorry.

15 A Or .15.9.

16 Q 15.9?

17 A Yeah.

18 Q Okay. Tell the jury where you go from here?

19 A I then want to know -- if I know that it's doing 32  
20 miles an hour at that point, I want to know how much  
21 energy was lost when the vehicles were together, which  
22 tell us how much energy that the Hyundai is bringing into  
23 the collision. So that is essentially that area from --  
24 that we saw earlier from where the gauging is in the  
25 roadway, the area impact up to the final rest position of

1 the Hyundai.

2 Q Okay. And did you measure that distance?

3 A I did. I had the measurements from the CAD again.  
4 Every point on the CAD is scaled and exactly where it is  
5 on the scene. So I can use that to get very detailed,  
6 very precise measurements to use in these equations.

7 Q What is the number that you're trying to get you --  
8 what is the end result end goal of this particular  
9 formula?

10 A I'm trying to find out what the impact speed was of  
11 the Hyundai.

12 Q Trying to find out how fast the Hyundai was traveling  
13 when it impacted the Dodge Dakota pickup truck?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q Okay. Do you take into account at this point other  
16 factors such as the friction of the roadway and so forth?

17 A Yes, during this section because we had skid marks  
18 going through the point of impact to the final rest. Then  
19 we know that the tires are interacting with the roadway  
20 and therefore the roadway friction then becomes important.

21 Q Okay. How do you take into account the friction on  
22 the roadway?

23 A Two methods and we use both methods in this collision  
24 is we have a -- what's called a drag sled, it's a tire  
25 because we have tires skidding on surfaces. So we have a

1 tire and then we fill it full of concrete, so that we know  
2 the weight of that tire. And, of course, we weigh it  
3 every time. And then we will drag that tire in the  
4 direction that the vehicles are skidding again to account  
5 for any changes in the elevation or grade of the roadway.  
6 That give us a -- tell us how many pounds are needed to  
7 pull our tires 35 pounds. It may fluctuate slightly  
8 depend then on humidity. Every time I've used it it's  
9 been 35 pounds. So I want to know how much force it takes  
10 to pull a 35 pound tire on the roadway in the direction  
11 that the vehicle was skidding. We then average out those  
12 forces. It's a series of ten pulls. We'll average out  
13 those pulls and divide that by the weight of the tire  
14 which gives us a friction of the roadway. The second  
15 method and I do it on this one is I have an accelerometer.  
16 It's actually on the same equipment that we use to map  
17 it -- map scenes with. And I have a windshield mount for  
18 my vehicle. We like to do these in the vehicles that are  
19 actually involved in the collision and we'll take that  
20 vehicle up to a non-speed, slam on the breaks, kind of  
21 skid through. We won't skid through the scene because we  
22 don't want to disturb. So they're usually adjacent to it.  
23 And we will see how -- what the G's are on that vehicle  
24 which will then give us a coefficient of friction. So I  
25 did both ways on this.

1 Q You didn't have to move these vehicles?

2 A No, I did not. They were too damaged. We can't use  
3 them.

4 Q Okay. Do you also take into account other factors  
5 such as the weight of the vehicles?

6 A Yes, for any energy equation I have to take into  
7 account the weight of the vehicles and the weight of  
8 occupants in the vehicles.

9 Q You mention for energy equation, that's what this is  
10 essentially is to tell you how much energy was lost?

11 A Essentially all my equations are based on energy. I  
12 mean, it takes a certain amount of force to push or pull  
13 an object. And we're just trying to figure out how much  
14 force does it take to do that.

15 Q Does this formula -- is it take into account how fast  
16 you had already determine the Dodge pickup truck to be  
17 traveling at point of separation?

18 A Let me see which one I used for her. Yes, it does.

19 Q Okay. Go ahead and tell the jury how fast -- were  
20 you able to arrive at value as to how fast the white  
21 vehicle would have been traveling at the point of impact  
22 when it actually struck the rear end of Dodge pickup?

23 A Yes, I determine that it would take 453,360.944 foot  
24 pounds of energy to move those vehicles that distance,  
25 which was 105 feet together, inputted that using the

1 initial speed of the truck upon separation and that puts  
2 us up to 81.99 feet per second, which gives us 55.92 miles  
3 per hour.

4 Q 55.92 miles per hour when the white vehicle impacted,  
5 when it hit the Dodge Dakota pickup truck between Home  
6 Branch and Boyd Road?

7 A That's how much energy came into the collision at  
8 impact.

9 Q That's how much energy came into the collision?

10 A At impact.

11 Q And again you mention that this was a conservative  
12 number. What other assumptions or unknowns are taken  
13 into account would change the speed?

14 A The amount of crush that was done to the rear of the  
15 vehicle would increase the speed.

16 Q Okay. Is this --

17 MR. BARR: Judge, the prosecution is leading the  
18 witness and that portion of the testimony where the  
19 prosecutor indicated that it would have taken that much  
20 speed from Home Branch to -- there has been no testimony  
21 and this officer has not testified that the vehicle came  
22 from Home Branch Road. So it's a leading question and I  
23 move to strike the answer.

24 MR. DURANT: Your Honor, my question in which  
25 just a point of clarify as to the point of impact, a point

1 in which the speed, this calculation was based off of and  
2 I said between Home Branch and Boyd Road. So at that  
3 point that's where the vehicle was travel 55.92 miles per  
4 hour.

5 THE COURT: Your question was?

6 MR. BARR: I'll withdraw the objection.

7 THE COURT: Okay, go ahead.

8 BY MR. DURANT:

9 Q So again, Trooper Ridgeway, to clarify at the point  
10 of impact at those gauge marks that we seen the photos of  
11 and you testified to is that the point in which in your  
12 opinion Ms. Brown's vehicle was traveling at least 55.92  
13 miles per hour?

14 A At least 55, yes?

15 Q At least 55.92. And based upon your inspection of  
16 the scene, what is the speed limit for that area?

17 A 45.

18 Q 45. Okay. So she's traveling at least ten miles per  
19 hour over speed limit when she hits the black pickup  
20 truck?

21 A That's correct.

22 Q Is that your opinion?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. Now, Officer Ridgeway, is there any evidence  
25 as to whether or not before Ms. Brown's vehicle, the white

1 vehicle struck the black pickup truck, it had applied the  
2 breaks?

3 A Yes, it had decelerated prior to striking the rear of  
4 the Dodge.

5 Q Okay. So would I be correct in my understanding that  
6 the 55.92 miles per hour then it's a speed at the point of  
7 impact, but after Ms. Brown had locked up the brakes?

8 A That's correct.

9 Q Okay. Were you able to determine based upon the laws  
10 of physics and your methodology as to how fast Ms. Brown  
11 would have been travel before she hit the breaks?

12 A Yes, sir. Again because that's the speed at impact  
13 and we know that we have 53 feet of skid marks before that  
14 point. I wanted to know what she's doing at the beginning  
15 of the skidding section and these calculations. So  
16 essentially what I do is because the vehicle decelerated,  
17 but I'm going backwards in the sequence of events, so I  
18 want to accelerate the vehicle in order to determine what  
19 it was doing before it started decelerating, which I did  
20 do. And that was -- should be 94.73 feet per second. So  
21 it gives us 64.6 miles per an hour.

22 Q 64.6 miles per hour when she hit the breaks; is that  
23 right?

24 A That's correct.

25 Q And in terms of distance or feet, how long before

1 this point of impact would Ms. Brown have hit the breaks?

2 A I'm not sure I understand your question. Are you  
3 asking how long it takes to go from skid into impact?

4 Q Right, how far away was she?

5 A That would be .6 seconds.

6 Q .6 seconds from the time she hits the breaks until  
7 point of impact?

8 A Yes .6 seconds, 3.6 feet.

9 Q That's how many feet?

10 A 53.6.

11 Q 53.6 speed?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q Are you able to determine where Ms. Brown would have  
14 been in relation to the roadway at the point that she hit  
15 break?

16 A On as far as where she actually hit the -- which  
17 roadway?

18 Q Here's what I'm getting at, was Ms. Brown at the 45  
19 mile per hour zone when she hit the breaks?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. So would it be your opinion that Ms. Brown was  
22 traveling again you said at least conservatively if she  
23 was traveling at least 64.67 miles per hour in that 45  
24 mile per hour zone?

25 A At a bare minimum, it would be 64 miles per hour in a

1 45 zone, yes.

2 Q At a bare minimum. So you say conservatively  
3 speaking 19 miles per over the speed limit, but .6 seconds  
4 before this collision?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q Okay. Corporal Ridgeway, did you receive any  
7 information from other highway patrol at the scene as to  
8 where the victim's vehicle may have been coming from that  
9 evening?

10 A Yes, it was indicated to me that they were making  
11 left turn off of Home Branch onto 261 before the impact.

12 Q Okay. And did you make any calculations to determine  
13 for instance where Ms. Brown's vehicle may have been in  
14 relation to the black pickup truck when it turned off of  
15 Home Branch Road?

16 A Yes, because -- it's natural and important any time a  
17 vehicle's turning and then they get hit, I wanted to know  
18 if the -- especially in light of this area as we showed on  
19 the pictures, one of the things I notice was there's a  
20 hill crest before you get to this intersection hence the  
21 reason it's a 45 mile an hour zone. So I wanted to know  
22 was the Hyundai visible, was it able to be seen when the  
23 vehicles pulled out. That's a question I have to answer  
24 any time we have a collision of this sort.

25 Q Okay. What type calculations do you to determine

1 that?

2 A I would want to know how long it takes for a vehicle  
3 to accelerate from a stop bar or from the intersection,  
4 out to the area that they were hit at. And then I'll back  
5 up the vehicle using a constant speed. In this case, I  
6 use a constant speed of 64 miles an hour for that distance  
7 or for the amount of time that it takes them to pull out  
8 to get to that point, then I will back their vehicle up  
9 the same amount of time, so I can tell where they were at  
10 when the vehicle starts going.

11 Q Okay. So you're looking at how long it would have  
12 taken the Dodge Dakota to get from the stop bar at Home  
13 Branch Road to the point of impact in the roadway?

14 A That's correct.

15 Q And then once you figure out that time based on her  
16 conservative speed of 64.67 miles per hour, you see how  
17 much distance she would have traveled during that period  
18 of time?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Which gives you a location in the roadway of her  
21 vehicle when the Dodge Dakota would have pulled out; is  
22 that right?

23 A That's correct.

24 Q What was your determination as to when -- as to how  
25 he would have taken that Dodge Dakota pickup truck to turn

1 from Home Branch Road and get to the point of impact of  
2 these vehicles?

3 A 6.36 seconds.

4 Q 6.3 seconds.

5 A Which is 97 feet.

6 Q Based upon her speed, her conservative speed again of  
7 64.67 seconds, how far away would she have been 6.3  
8 seconds earlier when the Dodge Dakota had pulled out?

9 A When the Dodge Dakota pulls out -- how far away she  
10 would be from impact?

11 Q Yes, sir.

12 A Be 545.122 feet.

13 Q Okay. When you map the scene, you mention that  
14 there's this area over the hill crest at which point  
15 visible -- vehicles are not visible from Home Branch Road.  
16 So if you pulling out from Home Branch Road, you can only  
17 see so far down 261?

18 A Yes.

19 Q You can only to the top of that hill crest. Beyond  
20 that, oncoming traffic is not visible?

21 A That's correct.

22 Q So my question is based upon her speed, how far away  
23 she would have been when he pulled out, can you tell this  
24 jury -- can you give an opinion as to whether or not  
25 Ms. Brown's vehicle would have been visible by the driver

1 of the black pickup truck?

2 A And that's -- I did physically map the area where you  
3 can first notice a car coming over that hill crest. So we  
4 know the measurements of that. And based a time that it  
5 would take you -- to take to pull out from Home Branch to  
6 the impact area, that 545 feet -- and I'm sorry that  
7 545 feet is actually to the point where she starts to skid  
8 instead of another 53 feet, but by the way, it places her  
9 vehicle on the other side of that hill crest which  
10 indicates that the Hyundai would not have been visible  
11 when the Dodge starts to go. I also added an  
12 additional -- and again I kept it really conservative. I  
13 gave one it an additional one second because before we  
14 pull out, we don't immediately just look and then punch  
15 the gas. It takes your mind a little bit of time to say  
16 okay it's clear, let's go from the break to the gas and  
17 then you have a little bit of lag when you start to go.  
18 So again I did a very conservative number of one second  
19 which adds an additional 94 feet. So that's a total of  
20 639 feet from the -- from there to the vehicle started  
21 skidding which was on the other side, of course, still on  
22 the other side of the hill crest.

23 Q All right. Based on additional input, I just want go  
24 ahead and walk you through the remaining CAD sheets you  
25 prepared?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Some additional inputs on this sheet, what do we have  
3 here?

4 A This is the sequence of events. So it has the  
5 vehicles that they pre-impact locations. Then we have the  
6 bottom 3D impact. The next as we're going to the right of  
7 the CAD, that next section is where the car comes to a  
8 final rest and the Dodge separates. The next one was just  
9 the Dodge pickup truck by itself it where it goes off  
10 roadway based on the tire marks going into the grass. And  
11 then the next one which is also shown on the 3D view is  
12 the final rest of the Dodge pickup.

13 Q Okay. Show you State's Number 61?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q What's depicted here?

16 A That's our pre-impact.

17 Q Pre-impact. This is the location of the Dodge Dakota  
18 pickup truck stop at Home Branch Road. Is the white  
19 Tiburon is that visible in this one?

20 A It is not. It's outside of it.

21 Q Okay. Officer Ridgeway, I'm going to show you  
22 State's Exhibit 66. Do you recognize this one?

23 A Yes, sir, that's my calculation CAD.

24 Q The calculation CAD and this is based off of the  
25 numbers and the time, the distances that you've already

1 testified to?

2 A That's correct. That list all the information that I  
3 use for the calculations as well as the results that were  
4 derived from those calculations.

5 MR. DURANT: Your Honor, I'd offer State's  
6 Exhibit 66 into evidence.

7 MR. BARR: No objection.

8 THE COURT: It is in without objection.

9 (WHEREUPON, State's Exhibit No. 66 was admitted  
10 into evidence.)

11 BY MR. DURANT:

12 Q Officer Ridgeway, I'm going to go over this document  
13 with you. And, I guess, we'll start at the end of the  
14 accident sequence that you did with your calculations.  
15 Tell the jury just walk us through it again your  
16 calculations and how it depicted on the CAD?

17 A Yes. Essentially on this CAD you can see each one of  
18 the sections that I just spoke about during the different  
19 calculations for each individual section. So we have the  
20 bottom right is at the impact of the tree and that's the  
21 23 feet per second which is the 15.91 miles an hour.  
22 Going back up to the next section that 168 feet before it  
23 struck the tree, which would be the final rest location of  
24 the car, as well as where the Dakota separate or the  
25 Dakota separates from that vehicle. I then want to know

1 what energy it takes to go a distance as a combined unit  
2 with both weights. So that's that 105 feet which bumps it  
3 up to the 81.9 feet per second which again was 55 miles an  
4 hour. And that is also the area of impact location. Then  
5 we still had that remaining 53 feet to the beginning of  
6 the skid marks. So I wanted to determine how much speed  
7 the vehicle would have lost during that section which  
8 bumps it up to the 64 miles per hour at that area.

9 Q And just to be clear again, the skid marks begin  
10 right here in front of Home Branch Road; is that right?

11 A That's correct. I placed that scaled model of the  
12 Hyundai Tiburon on top of the skid marks.

13 Q So would it be your opinion that the driver of that  
14 white Tiburon is identified as Ms. Brown, did not hit the  
15 breaks of her vehicle until she was directly in front of  
16 Home Branch Road?

17 A No. I can't tell you how far, but whenever you hit  
18 your breaks on your vehicle, they don't immediately start  
19 skidding. Usually, we'll see a little bit of shadowing  
20 and some of that was painted out there, but we can't see  
21 all the shadowing and of course a vehicle will -- your  
22 most efficient breaking is before you start skidding.  
23 Once you start skidding, then you see the drag factors  
24 start to go down a little bit. And that's why ABS stops  
25 so well because it's designed to keep the tires from

1 skidding to give you that optimum gravitational roadway  
2 friction by you, but I cannot account for that without an  
3 ACM that shows me what time the breaks were applied. So I  
4 just -- I total the number for that section for this.  
5 Again I want to give the most conservative values that I  
6 can. So I -- it would start -- the breaking would start  
7 before the skid marks actually start, but I cannot account  
8 for them.

9 Q As part of you pressing your break paddle, the more  
10 that they lock up, the more the breaks are engaged?

11 A That's right. I mean, we stop our cars every day  
12 without skidding. And it takes a moment to get to that  
13 point.

14 Q Okay. So again if you driving 64.67 miles per hour  
15 at this point is this your opinion?

16 A Yes, that is at least 64 point.

17 Q At least 64?

18 A That's correct.

19 Q And this would be 142 feet before the skid marks; is  
20 that right? Am I reading that correctly?

21 A That is the section that we -- it's listed as PRD,  
22 which is perception reaction distance. And then the PRT,  
23 which is the perception reaction time that I used. Again,  
24 as I discussed with pulling out making the decision to go,  
25 there's also a decision to hit your breaks. So

1 essentially what has to happen is your mind sees threat.  
2 And then your mind tells your body this is about to be  
3 bad. We need to come off the gas go to the break and push  
4 the break and then your vehicle starts slowing. That's  
5 not an instantaneous action. It takes a little while for  
6 the message to get from our brain to our foot, to come off  
7 the gas, go on to breaking. You have some lag time from  
8 when the break is pressed until your break pressure builds  
9 up and sends it to your calipers on your vehicle which  
10 then can press the breaks against the rubber. So all that  
11 takes a little bit of time. I've attended and I've known  
12 him for quit a while. Jeff -- it's Dr. Jeff Uter does  
13 numerous studies with what the average perception reaction  
14 time of a person is. Again he's got his doctorate and his  
15 doctorate is in that field. And I have attended several  
16 lecturers by him, several classes by him. I've watch all  
17 his studies. Everything is videotaped and the days made  
18 available to us. And the average perception reaction time  
19 for a person is 1.5 seconds. There's some variables that  
20 may slow down a person's reaction again to give ---

21 Q Is alcohol one of those?

22 A Yes. It will severely slow down reactions or your  
23 reaction time. So trying to use the most conservative, I  
24 give what an average person would take which was that 1.5  
25 seconds, which would indicate that at 64.67 miles per hour

1 the vehicle would travel 142 feet. So that would be that  
2 the location -- that would be the location that they first  
3 see the hazard that tells them they need to make some kind  
4 of evasive maneuverer. Once again was the 142 feet prior  
5 to the beginning of the skid marks not accounting for any  
6 tire marks that would count.

7 Q So this is where the vehicle would have been for a  
8 person traveling at that speed when they proceed the need  
9 to stop?

10 A That's correct.

11 Q And obviously you would cover more ground or cover  
12 the ground in a fast a period of time if you driving  
13 faster?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay. So if she's driving slower, then would she  
16 have further away if she perceive the need to stop?

17 A If she was driving slower. Say would she be further  
18 away. If she was driving slower, then, no, she would be  
19 closer.

20 Q Okay. Tell us again about the -- when the Dodge  
21 Dakota pulled out from -- the time it would have taken the  
22 Dodge Dakota to pull out from Home Branch Road onto 261?

23 A Okay. That's that 6.63 seconds. And essentially  
24 where I came up that was the -- I want to know what the  
25 average acceleration rate of the Dodge Dakota is. So I

1 have all the numbers publish. And again I have all this  
2 information that tells me what that acceleration rate is.  
3 And I can use that to determine going from a stop at that  
4 acceleration rate for the distance which was measured to  
5 be 97.11 feet how much time does it take to travel that  
6 distance.

7 Q Okay. And based upon how the conservative estimate  
8 as to how fast Ms. Brown's vehicle was traveling, where  
9 would her vehicle as it show on the CAD where her vehicle  
10 would have been in relation to the Dodge pickup truck when  
11 it pulled out?

12 A Again that's the -- I'll take that time along with  
13 the PRD time and the time that it took to slide. All  
14 those times and I will then see well where was the Hyundai  
15 Tiburon at that point in which puts it -- that is the  
16 second vehicle from the left. We kind of see that grayed  
17 out area, that grayed out area is the area that cannot be  
18 seen from Home Branch Road.

19 Q Again to clarify your opinion is that when the Dodge  
20 Dakota pulled out, Ms. Brown's vehicle would not have been  
21 visible from the stop bar of Home Branch Road?

22 A That's correct.

23 Q Officer Ridgeway, did you -- you mentioned animation  
24 earlier and we had you qualified as an expert in  
25 animation, did you prepare based upon mapping of the scene

1 and the CAD, did you prepare an animation in this case?

2 A I did based on the mapping and the calculations. I  
3 did create an animation for this collision.

4 Q I'm going to show you what's been marked as State's  
5 Exhibit 59. Do you recognize it?

6 A Yes, sir, that's the animation for this collision.

7 MR. DURANT: Your Honor, at this point the State  
8 would offer State's Exhibit 59 into evidence.

9 THE COURT: What says the defense?

10 MR. BARR: Judge, we may we approach the bench?

11 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

12 (WHEREUPON, a bench conference was held in the  
13 presence of the jury, but out of the hearing of the  
14 jury.)

15 MR. BARR: Your Honor, we object to the  
16 presentation of the animation to the jury because there  
17 are a number of foundational points that we disagree which  
18 the animation itself has been based. Of course, I believe  
19 that most of those would probably be or at least some of  
20 it will be explored on cross-examination, but at this time  
21 we do from defense standpoint object to the introduction  
22 of the animation.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MR. DURANT: Your Honor, the State's position is  
25 that the foundation has been laid. The officer has

1 already testified as to the points the animation is based  
2 off of. At this point because the testimony is already in  
3 the record, we believe that the animation should be  
4 admitted.

5 THE COURT: And I think the proper foundation  
6 has been laid. I will overrule your objection. You may  
7 present it.

8 BY MR. DURANT:

9 Q Officer Ridgeway, actually before we get to the  
10 animation, did you happen to prepare a video of the  
11 accident scene where you walked around with a camera  
12 showing the vehicles on the night of the accident during  
13 your investigation?

14 A I started it and then I had Trooper Macoon, I handed  
15 him my camera.

16 Q You had an opportunity to review the video?

17 A I have.

18 Q Is it a fair and accurate representation of that  
19 accident scene that evening?

20 A It's the exact same thing. He was going with me  
21 while I was photographing the scene.

22 Q Does the video also include a drive through of the  
23 accident scene at the conclusion of your investigation?

24 A It does after everybody left, I then actually drove  
25 through going the direction that the Hyundai was going and

1 the Dodge.

2 MR. DURANT: Your Honor, I offer State's Exhibit  
3 58 into evidence as well.

4 THE COURT: What says the defense?

5 MR. BARR: We don't object to that.

6 THE COURT: Fifty-eight is in without objection.

7 (WHEREUPON, State's Exhibit No. 58 and 59 was  
8 admitted into evidence.)

9 BY MR. DURANT:

10 Q I'm going to show you that video first. There's no  
11 audio on this video, is there?

12 A It should not be. We always cut audio off.

13 (WHEREUPON, video played for jury.)

14 BY MR. DURANT:

15 Q Trooper Macoon (sic) or the drive through portion of  
16 the video when was that prepared?

17 A After everybody left the scene before after I went  
18 home.

19 Q The sun had begun to come up at that point?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q Do you actually remember making the drive through?

22 A I do.

23 Q Anything significant about the drive through that you  
24 remember?

25 A The most significant thing is I did it at two

1 different speeds. The first one which is we really slow.  
2 You kind of get an idea of the recording idea of the area.  
3 And then I did it at 55 miles an hour. I actually got up  
4 to 55 miles an hour set my cruise control and recorded  
5 driving through it. But I even notated in my notes. One  
6 of the most significant things that came out to me was  
7 when I top the hill, there was a truck that had obviously  
8 already made a left turn. There was nobody in front of me  
9 when I started my maneuver. And when I top that hill,  
10 there was a truck that was just completing what look like  
11 a left turn off of Home Branch Road. And I was coming up  
12 on him kind of quick. I did have to hit my breaks and  
13 slow down, but I notice that had I not hit my breaks, that  
14 area between the skidding and the point of impact I would  
15 have struck the rear of his vehicle.

16 Q And that's when you were driving 55?

17 A That was just at 55.

18 Q So you were over the speed limit at that point?

19 A Yes, sir, I was ten miles over at that point.

20 Q I'm going to ask you to step down quickly. I'm going  
21 to ask you question about. The video is almost over. One  
22 second of the video we just watched. What are we looking  
23 at here?

24 A This is looking back up towards Paxville which is the  
25 direction of travel for the Hyundai.

1 Q Your part of the south bar on Home Branch Road?

2 A Yes. She would have toping this hill coming up on  
3 Home Branch.

4 Q So beyond that hill would be the area there's no  
5 visibility?

6 A That's correct. And this is looking back towards  
7 Manning.

8 Q Towards Boyd Road?

9 A Yes. Boyd Road was that next road off to the right.

10 Q Okay.

11 A And that's another thing we look at when we're doing  
12 these. We want to notation any vision of obstructions and  
13 this is when I'm getting up to 55 driving through in the  
14 direction the Hyundai would have been traveling. We just  
15 -- the reason I turned on my signal is I know I'm doing  
16 ten miles an hour, but I also got the emergency equipment  
17 on my truck, that's whey he turn his signal and I shut it  
18 off, so he wouldn't.

19 Q Thank you.

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q I'm going to publish quickly the animation for the  
22 jury and then I'll ask a couple of follow up questions. I  
23 know everybody needs a break, so I'm almost finish. This  
24 is a take short animation. And then with the Court's  
25 permission take a break.

1 (WHEREUPON, animation played for the jury.)

2 BY MR. DURANT:

3 Q Officer Ridgeway, you mention that when you did the  
4 drive through, that another vehicle happen to pull out  
5 from Home Branch Road and that because you were exceeding  
6 the speed limit, you would have had to break -- you had to  
7 break to avoid a collision?

8 A That's correct.

9 Q In your opinion, based upon your calculation and your  
10 review of this accident scene and your expertise, do you  
11 have an opinion as to whether or not if the Defendant  
12 Tammy Brown had been driving the speed limit whether this  
13 accident would have occurred?

14 A Based on the numbers, the distances and the times at  
15 45 miles an hour, you would not have to -- you wouldn't  
16 even have to break and you would have avoided hitting the  
17 vehicle in front of you.

18 Q So no accident would have occurred, no collision  
19 would have occurred?

20 A That's correct.

21 Q And no breaking would have been necessary by Ms.  
22 Brown had she been driving the speed limit?

23 A That's correct.

24 Q Finally, Trooper Ridgeway, do you have an opinion as  
25 to whether or not the driver of the black Dodge pickup

1 truck failed to yield the right of way?

2 A Based on the data that we have, the evidence at the  
3 scene, the vehicle did not fail to yield the right of way.

4 MR. DURANT: And that's all the questions I  
5 have.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Before you start, we going to  
7 take a break.

8 Ladies and gentlemen, we been out a little  
9 while.

10 MR. BARR: Judge, may we approach the bench?

11 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

12 (WHEREUPON, a bench conference was held in the  
13 presence of the jury, but out of the hearing of the  
14 jury.)

15 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to  
16 send you to the jury room for a few minutes. Don't  
17 discuss the case yet. I'll get you back out. Thank you.

18 (WHEREUPON, the jury retire to the jury room.)

19 THE COURT: Trooper Ridgeway, you can step down,  
20 but you just can't discuss your testimony. We will be in  
21 recess a minute.

22 (WHEREUPON, a break was taken.)

23 THE COURT: We ready for the jury.

24 (WHEREUPON, the jury came into open court.)

25 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, after

1 conferring with the lawyers now is probably the best time  
2 we break for lunch. So we'll going to lunch and ask you  
3 to be back at 1:30 in the jury room and we're going to  
4 continue with this trial. Have a nice lunch and don't  
5 discuss this case. We'll see you at 1:30.

6 (WHEREUPON, the jury excused for lunch.)

7 THE COURT: I've talked to the sheriff. He's  
8 gone try to get a school bus and a school bus driver from  
9 the school to take the whole jury at one time. I propose  
10 to send a deputy out there to lead the school bus. And  
11 I'll get a deputy up here and the school bus driver to  
12 explain the rule we want to tell them what we want them to  
13 do. One problem is the way the time is gone fall out,  
14 it's going to be the time the school bus is on the road  
15 taking kids home. He's going to call the school district  
16 and see if they can get an activity bus. He'll let me  
17 know something hopefully by 1:30 or two, so when we get  
18 back from lunch. I just -- if you all can think about it,  
19 the best I can give them as to what time we need them up  
20 here to do this. So if you will think back that over  
21 lunch and any potential charges. We'll break for lunch.  
22 And I'll see you all back at 1:30.

23 (WHEREUPON, a lunch break was taken.)

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 MR. BARR: Judge, may we approach the bench?

1 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

2 (WHEREUPON, a bench conference was held in the  
3 presence of the jury, but out of the hearing of the  
4 jury.)

5 (WHEREUPON, a pause in the proceedings.)

6 MR. BARR: Judge, we ready.

7 THE COURT: We ready?

8 MR. BARR: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: Witness come back on the stand.  
10 Bring me the jury.

11 (WHEREUPON, the jury came into open court.)

12 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Barr, you may examine the  
13 witness.

14 MR. BARR: Thank you, Judge.

15 CROSS-EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. BARR:

17 Q Corporal Ridgeway, I think I've introduce myself to  
18 you earlier during one of the breaks and I complimented  
19 you on your thoroughness of which you conducted your  
20 investigation, but I do have some concerns and I'm going  
21 to express them to you now about some of the testimony.  
22 And the first thing -- the first place I want to start  
23 with the that you arrived and you claimed that you -- I  
24 believe you said you got on the scene about two o'clock  
25 a.m.?

1 A Two a.m., yes, sir.

2 Q And were you accompanied by any other highway  
3 patrolman, when you arrived? Did they have anybody else  
4 -- any members of your team come in with you?

5 A They were on the way. They were out that Friday.

6 Q But you got there before they did?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q And if I am not mistaken, you know, sometimes when  
9 you go to see your doctor before they start with any  
10 treatment they want a history. And it seems to me that  
11 the way you approach this investigation is almost  
12 analogist to that kind of methodology. Again as much as  
13 you did start with a little bit of history. And when I  
14 say a little bit of history, I'm talking about you  
15 indicated in response to a question that was asked to you  
16 by the Solicitor that you had gotten some information that  
17 one of the vehicles that was involve in the accident --  
18 well, let me stop here before I go any further with that.

19 Did you get any background information concerning the  
20 vehicle that the white Hyundai and the driver and where  
21 driver was coming from where the driver was going to?

22 A I do not recall specifically. I could look at the  
23 evidence and tell the direction, but not like --  
24 particularly whether or not she was coming from -- I  
25 didn't even know if it was female or male, but whether or

1 not the driver was coming from particular place or going  
2 to.

3 Q But you did conclude that the driver of the Hyundai  
4 was on Highway 261?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Which would have been the primary highway?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q And was traveling east on Highway 261.

9 A Yes, sir, it is.

10 Q All right. So now that puts the driver of the  
11 Hyundai whether she was drive under the influence or  
12 whether she was driving extensive rate of speed, she was  
13 traveling east on Highway 261?

14 A Regardless of what she was doing she was traveling  
15 east on 261.

16 Q Now, and I think as you indicated that you got some  
17 information that led you to conclude or to initiate your  
18 investigation from perspective that the other vehicle had  
19 come on to Highway 261 from Home Branch Road?

20 A That's correct.

21 Q Okay. Now, of course, would you agree that with  
22 respect to as thorough as you been as it relates to all  
23 the factors that went into your computations and your  
24 animations, you did start with a proposition that the  
25 truck came from Highway 261; is that correct?

1 A Not necessarily, no, sir.

2 Q Not necessarily. I'm sorry not Highway 261 but from  
3 Home Branch Road?

4 A I started with a pickup truck got hit in the rear at  
5 great speed by a Hyundai Tiburon, that's where I started.  
6 Her best case scenario is that the vehicle was then coming  
7 off Home Branch Road, was making a left turn on Home  
8 Branch Road which is also the information that was relayed  
9 to me.

10 Q Can you tell me where you got that information?

11 A That was from -- he is now the captain, but it would  
12 BK Floyd. He would have been the senior supervisor out  
13 there at that time. I believe he was a first sergeant in  
14 2014 over Sumter and Clarendon.

15 Q And, of course, you hadn't done any of the  
16 investigation to find out where he got that from?

17 A No, that's -- initially upon arriving on the scene, I  
18 approach him, hey, what do you have. This is what we  
19 have. He told me that, okay. And then I started the  
20 investigation.

21 Q But it just seems that somebody as serious as this  
22 collision was, would have taken a step further and get  
23 some confirmation of where the truck was coming from or  
24 the direction that the truck was coming from because you  
25 start with the claim that it was coming Home Branch Road

1 on to Highway 261. Were you in the courtroom yesterday  
2 when Ms. Gutierrez testified?

3 A I don't know her name. Was the last person?

4 Q Yes, sir.

5 A Yes, sir, I was here.

6 Q According her -- and I'm not asking you compare, but  
7 according to her, there was a party on Home Branch Road or  
8 a cookout on Home Branch Road where she said that that's  
9 the last time she spoke to the passenger in the vehicle?

10 A I heard that, yes, sir.

11 Q Okay. Now, of course, at a cookout or a barbecue  
12 there must been a bunch of people there?

13 A I would assume so. I don't know how large it was.

14 Q Should not have been too hard to confirm that he was  
15 coming from the direction of Home Branch Road on to  
16 Highway 261 with all the those people there. Somebody  
17 should have -- it seems that -- has it struck you as kind  
18 of odd that we not heard somewhere in this court room that  
19 this man was coming off of Home Branch Road?

20 A As far as what I do, it really does not factor in. I  
21 only look at the facts based on the circumstances or based  
22 on the evidence that's on the roadway?

23 Q Well, I thought I heard you testify at some point  
24 concerning the amount of time that it would take to get  
25 from the location on Home Branch Road coming off of Home

1 Branch on to Highway 261 I didn't hear that?

2 A I did, yes, sir. You did.

3 Q And do you remember how much time you said it took,  
4 was it 6.2 seconds?

5 A Something roughly that.

6 Q 6.2 seconds?

7 A 6.361 seconds.

8 Q 6 point what now?

9 A 6.3.

10 Q 6.3 seconds to come from Home Branch Road to get in a  
11 position where he was, but if you came from somewhere  
12 else, you would agree that 6.2 seconds would probably not  
13 apply here, if he came from somewhere else. I'm just  
14 saying if he came from somewhere else?

15 A I don't where else he would come from, that was the  
16 only road right there.

17 Q Well, you know what I kept trying to figure this  
18 thing out a long time. And I think I finally got it  
19 because Ms. Brown claims that the vehicle entered the road  
20 from the right side?

21 MR. DURANT: Objection, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Sustain.

23 BY MR. BARR:

24 Q All right. Well, I'm gone tell you what if she  
25 testifies and I believe she will, I think that's what she

1 would ---

2 MR. DURANT: Objection, Your Honor.

3 MR. BARR: Your Honor ---

4 MR. DURANT: He can't backdoor his client's  
5 statement without putting her on the stand.

6 THE COURT: I understand. You can't -- it's not  
7 in evidence.

8 BY MR. BARR:

9 Q Okay. Well, I tell you what let's come down here and  
10 let's look at this first video -- look at the video that  
11 you showed when you went through, that's the one I want to  
12 see. I'll tell you what exhibit number it is.

13 MR. DURANT: The drive through?

14 MR. BARR: The drive through.

15 (WHEREUPON, a pause in the proceedings.)

16 MR. DURANT: Mr. Barr, you want to start at the  
17 drive through portion?

18 MR. BARR: Yes, sir. Now, that's the same video  
19 you showed from over here?

20 MR. DURANT: Yes, sir.

21 MR. BARR: All right.

22 (WHEREUPON, video being played.)

23 MR. BARR: We can stop the video. What I'm  
24 looking for is when he approached Home Branch Road.

25 MR. DURANT: You want me to rewind it?

1 MR. BARR: Yes, sir.

2 MR. DURANT: It's another view after this and  
3 coming back through.

4 MR. BARR: All right. Maybe it is on the next  
5 one.

6 BY MR. BARR:

7 Q Now, I think you at Home Branch Road looking to your  
8 right?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q Okay. Now, if you turn left, you will be turning  
11 left on -- stop it right there and back up just a little  
12 bit please to where you show -- hold it right there. You  
13 went a little bit too far, back it up little bit. Now,  
14 stop it right there. Now, Officer Ridgeway, do you notice  
15 the sign that says Home Branch Road or it says Boyd Road  
16 goes off to the right; is that right?

17 A Yes, sir, it does.

18 Q Now, you never been down Boyd Road, have you?

19 A I've never been down Boyd Road.

20 Q You never gone down that?

21 A No, sir.

22 Q Well, apparently -- I've been down there, but I've  
23 never -- Ms. Gutierrez told us yesterday that that's where  
24 she lives?

25 A That's where what I heard, yes, sir.

1 Q And her boyfriend -- when you come out of Boyd Road,  
2 do you notice that there's another road that comes on to  
3 Highway 261?

4 A It's a little dirt drive.

5 Q It's a little dirt road?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q The first time I went in there you know where I came  
8 out at? I came out on the dirt road.

9 A Okay.

10 Q Coming from down on Boyd Road? I didn't come to the  
11 stop sign here. I came out right here.

12 A That little dirt road is actually like a little U.  
13 It connects to Boyd Road and goes by junction box and ---

14 Q Go back by the junction box and comes right on  
15 Highway 261?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q Okay. Now, of course, you for purposes of your  
18 investigation, you never ever gone through the  
19 calculations to determine how long it would take somebody  
20 coming out of that road to get to where you said the  
21 impact or collision occurred, have they?

22 A Have I done calculations for the time?

23 Q For the time?

24 A The time would be irrelevant in that.

25 Q The time would be irrelevant?

1 A Uh-huh.

2 Q How about the position of the vehicle?

3 A Yes, I'd have to examine where the position of the  
4 vehicle was.

5 Q The position of the vehicle would be very very  
6 relevant, wouldn't it?

7 A It would be, but it would not fit the dynamics of  
8 this collision.

9 Q It wouldn't fit the dynamics of it?

10 A Because the impact is right there at that driveway.  
11 It's like in the center of where that driveway is.

12 Q The impact is -- the impact according to you occurred  
13 before you get down to the sign where Boyd Road?

14 A It is -- again, you can look at the CADs. It is  
15 right there almost immediately in the center of that  
16 driveway. So what -- giving the time the car coming out  
17 of there would be irrelevant to this collision.

18 Q Well, of course, if the car came out that driveway  
19 and turned right, but you said you never -- you know, I  
20 looked at the -- this is Defendant's Exhibit Number 5,  
21 that's what it was marked for identification, but it has  
22 been entered into evidence as a prosecution exhibit. But  
23 now according to your testimony, these are -- that area  
24 where we see -- incidentally, if you covered the ridge  
25 marks with the charts they all look white?

- 1 A That's because all that's been scooped out. That's  
2 the actual appearance of them.
- 3 Q That's the actual appearance?
- 4 A Yeah.
- 5 Q In other words, that way you said the collision  
6 occurred?
- 7 A That is where the impact occurred.
- 8 Q Impact. Now, you not suggesting that -- and do you  
9 see that little area of the concrete -- a little area  
10 right down on the right?
- 11 A Yes, sir.
- 12 Q That goes into that same road as we're just looking  
13 at, doesn't it?
- 14 A That is that driveway.
- 15 Q That driveway?
- 16 A Yes, sir.
- 17 Q Now, if you came out of that driveway out in the  
18 middle of the driveway and turned -- and turned right, you  
19 would probably be -- are you telling us that somebody  
20 couldn't hit you straight on from that position if you  
21 came out there and turn right?
- 22 A There's several problems with that assumption.
- 23 Q Pardon me.
- 24 A There are several problems with that assumption.
- 25 Q Well, I guess there's a problem with it. I'm sure

1 there's a problem. Believe it or not as good as your  
2 presentation was, I got some problems with it. So there's  
3 probably some problems with it, but, I mean, in term of  
4 whether or not that happen somebody could have came out  
5 there and turn right. It seems possible, doesn't it?

6 A Well, the problem is there's no tire tracks from the  
7 sand onto the road right there. And you can see the tire  
8 tracks making a left turn, but you see none making a right  
9 turn, see where the sands coming across the screen and you  
10 clearly see -- I see one, two, three, four tire marks  
11 coming out of that driveway to the left.

12 Q Do you know who went in there and came out made those  
13 tires print?

14 A I have no idea.

15 Q Do you know when they were made?

16 A I do not know when they were made. And then you're  
17 also assuming that the vehicle turns out of there and is  
18 able get there vehicle completely turned in the road. So  
19 it's facing straight down the road before they  
20 immediately -- that would have been an immediate hit.

21 Q You don't think that could have happen?

22 A You don't want that to happen.

23 Q Pardon me.

24 A You wouldn't want that to happen.

25 Q Well, I mean, you may not want it to happen, but I'm

1 just -- I'm trying to figure out how the vehicle could  
2 have gotten where it was and how your marks could have  
3 gotten where it was if the vehicle came on to the road  
4 somewhere else other than from Home Branch Road.

5 A Where the logical assumption would be that, yes, the  
6 next available spot for it to come on to 261 would be that  
7 driveway, but again you would be assuming that the vehicle  
8 immediately is able to turn and get straight in the  
9 roadway. I mean, that's what a foot. And then ---

10 Q Well, it seems to be more than a foot. Did you  
11 measure it?

12 A We got scale diagram right here.

13 Q Well, what I'm saying is from where -- if you don't  
14 know where the vehicle came out, do you, on to 261?

15 A I just know it was straight on 261.

16 Q On 261?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q All right. Now, I'm thinking that -- now there's no  
19 -- you talked about -- you talked about earlier about a  
20 debris field. And tell ladies and gentlemen of this jury  
21 what a debris field is?

22 A The debris field is the pieces and parts coming off  
23 of the vehicles, whether it be body panels, glass,  
24 mirrors, lenses or in this case a tool box and everything  
25 that was in the tool box. It is stuff that's coming off

1 the vehicle at impact and basically spreading out.

2 Q An impact spread out?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Now, assuming that nobody has cleaned up the highway  
5 and tampered with any evidence, the front of the vehicle  
6 being driven by Ms. Brown it just seems pretty much torn  
7 up, doesn't it? A lot of damage?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay. And that's where the metal starts bending. I  
10 mean, that's where two vehicles you said made contact?

11 A That's correct.

12 Q Okay. Now, and I understand your explanation you  
13 said that the force from the impact would carry -- well, I  
14 may be I better not try to say it because quite frankly I  
15 don't know. But there's absolutely doesn't appear to be  
16 any debris, nothing?

17 A Well, there's a ton of debris.

18 Q Oh, there is. Is it depicted on this photograph?

19 A You might need another photograph, but there is  
20 debris up there especially around the car.

21 Q Well, what I'm talking about where the two vehicles  
22 would have -- where the impact would have occurred.  
23 There's not. I mean, it seems to be -- it would seem -- I  
24 mean, when the two vehicles collide something would have  
25 fallen off?

1     A     No.

2     Q     With all that damage?

3     A     Not always, no.  It does.  I mean, you got to think

4     these collision are happen -- the average collision time

5     is about 20 milliseconds.  And then if you have vehicles

6     going at the speed these vehicle were going, you have the

7     impact, but then you have those vehicles pushing

8     everything out in of front of them as well.  It's -- we do

9     some testing in some of our crash test where we'll have

10    basically they're paint guns lined up on the car.  Like if

11    we wanted to do a drag testing on a car, then we'll get

12    the car up to a certain speed.  And it's design so when we

13    hit the breaks, it fires the paint ball under the

14    pavement, that way we can get a measurement of exactly

15    where we hit the breaks at and the length that it took to

16    stop the car.  We don't ride around in the cars with

17    paintballs on them.  So when everything's happening, it's

18    not like something immediately dropping right down.

19    Everything -- you figure the heading of the car everything

20    is also going that direction.  So when there's an impact,

21    it's not like -- I mean, there's no magical wall that

22    stops it and it drops right there.  It's also going at the

23    same speed as the car's going.  So it's being projected it

24    front of the of the collision.

25    Q     And you just get clean space with nothing in the

1 road?

2 A Well, it's hard to tell on this photograph. There's  
3 other photographs available where that section of the  
4 roadway past the gauge mark is lighter.

5 Q Well, that debris down there. Now, of course, I  
6 think you can see a little bit better on the exhibit what  
7 we marked as identification for identification purposes.  
8 This is Defendant's Exhibit Number 1, but now from the  
9 point of impact all the way down to where the Hyundai came  
10 to rest. Well, I assume if there was debris somewhere  
11 between where the impact occurred and where the Hyundai  
12 came to rest somebody would have cataloged it with a  
13 marker?

14 A No.

15 Q Nobody would mark it and say this came from -- maybe,  
16 I'm thinking about ---

17 A If this were a hit and run with a pedestrian where we  
18 go out there and collect every part that comes off of a  
19 car so we can identify a car, then, yes, we would mark  
20 those, photograph those, collect them, examine them, try  
21 to link them to a specific vehicle. On this one, there's  
22 no question where the area of impact is because you have  
23 the gauges. The little pieces coming off the car are not  
24 important for what we do not in this type ---

25 Q I understand that it's not important for what you do

1 per se, but we doing something a little bit different and  
2 I'm just wondering about those little pieces. And, of  
3 course, I'm more accustomed to investigating scenes  
4 involving some other type criminal activity where the  
5 officers go in and you know how they mark everything ---

6 A Pick up cigarette butt.

7 Q Every cigarette butt and every spint gun shell.

8 A That's right.

9 Q And I'm just thinking that that since it just seems  
10 that nothing absolutely on the highway either somebody  
11 picked it up or nothing fell off?

12 A Well, I can't tell that either. You have to zoom in  
13 on the photograph. I mean, there may be little pieces of  
14 glass between there and I can't tell on this photograph.  
15 Nor do I remember ---

16 Q But you would agree in terms of what we can see it  
17 doesn't appear to be anything until we get all the way up  
18 to where the tool box came off?

19 A I mean, I see some stuff in the roadway. I don't  
20 know what it is from this view, so I couldn't say that for  
21 sure.

22 Q Well, let me get another -- this is exhibit  
23 number four, which is a little different doesn't have all  
24 obstruction. Number four is a little bit clearer and it's  
25 still -- well, I don't know if there's anything on number

1 four?

2 A I mean, I'm seeing things that do not look like part  
3 of the roadway, so what they are I can't tell you.

4 Q Well, do you know whether or not they had any  
5 connection with this collision? Of course, you don't  
6 write that down?

7 A It's not important.

8 Q All right. Now, I'm going to let you take a look at  
9 the actual photograph Defense Number 2 for identification  
10 and State's Exhibit Number 1 like a whole lot of going in  
11 and coming out of Boyd Road?

12 A On Boyd Road?

13 Q Yes, sir. Do you know who did all that?

14 A I don't how long it been there either.

15 Q Don't know how long it's been there?

16 A No, sir.

17 Q Okay. Now, I'm going to when you first arrived at  
18 the scene and this was before you did your walk through of  
19 the photographs and you said you designated different  
20 jobs. Who designated the job to look at the ridge marks  
21 in the highway, do you remember?

22 A All team members walk through the evidence.

23 Q Sir?

24 A All the team members out there from the MAIT team  
25 that appear on the scene, we all upon arriving do an

1 initial walk through. So we would have all looked at it.

2 Q I see.

3 A The task are whether photographing, vehicle exams,  
4 mechanical exams, vehicle imaging or architect or forensic  
5 mapping, those will be assigned tasks, but we all look at  
6 the entire scene together.

7 Q Okay. And just for confirmation, you never do any  
8 kind of or did you do any kind of forensic tests to make  
9 sure that the ridge mark in the highway were connected  
10 with this accident?

11 A I mean, I can look at them and tell they're connected  
12 to it.

13 Q You can just look at them and tell that?

14 A Yeah, you can. Everything is based on physics.

15 Q Well, based on physics?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Well, I tell you I'm always bad in physics maybe  
18 that's why I chose law.

19 A It wasn't my favorite topic either.

20 Q You had to be very good at physics all these number  
21 you get, yes, sir, chemistry too. Now, on the chemistry  
22 part of it, you're saying you can just look at this and  
23 make a decision and make a determination that these marks  
24 were done in connection with this automobile collision?

25 A I mean, there's no chemical analysis performed on it

1 again.

2 Q Well, I mean, you can test paint or something off the  
3 front of a vehicle or you could do something to determine  
4 that this is in fact connected with this particular -- I  
5 mean, examine it and make sure that this was -- this is  
6 part of the car or it came from the car or came from the  
7 truck or you don't do any of that?

8 A That be like testing the DNA of everybody I stop. I  
9 mean, it's common sense you can tell that the skid marks  
10 go right through it. And then you see can where they  
11 fatten out and get push down as they're right there at  
12 that area.

13 Q Well, we can see make that and we can make an  
14 assumption, but we just -- even when we look at and just  
15 assume are we just sure about it or we just we making an  
16 assumption?

17 A No, it's the laws of physics. I mean, they are  
18 every -- they are the same every time no matter what  
19 circumstance it is. Something caused her tires to be  
20 pushed down and to spread out at that location and only  
21 thing it can be is running into back of that truck.

22 Q Well, I mean, I understand what you're saying, but  
23 you said something caused it. You didn't see it cause it  
24 and I didn't see it cause it. And, of course, you say  
25 that in your opinion it did cause it and I'm just asking

1     how can we be sure?  Could we have been sure?

2     A     One of Newton's laws are that a vehicle in motion  
3     will remain in motion in a constant rate and constant  
4     speed unless acted upon by an outside force.

5     Q     I remember Newton's law.

6     A     Clearly, this is a perfect example.  You can see the  
7     tire marks coming into it.  You see how they're perfectly  
8     straight, perfect ridges from the tread mark.  And then  
9     right there at that gauge, you see how they kind of move  
10    off to the left and then they spatter and they start  
11    getting lighter right there.  So based on Newton's laws  
12    had it not struck something and there's no other car out  
13    there except for the Dodge pickup truck and her car and  
14    the damage matches up to both of them.

15    Q     Yes, sir.

16    A     She had to hit something right there exactly at that  
17    point to cause her vehicle to do that.  There's just no  
18    other way to do it.

19    Q     Okay.  Looks like a whole lot of tires went across  
20    here.  Of course, you don't know who did that, who drove  
21    across there?

22    A     I do not.  I mean, it could have been EMS, could have  
23    been the fire department or it could have been out there  
24    since the last time it rained.  I don't know.

25    Q     And I think you testified earlier that in your

1 opinion those gauges in the highway came from the under  
2 carriage of the Hyundai?

3 A It would be components from the under carriage of the  
4 Hyundai.

5 Q Pardon me.

6 A It would be components from the under carriage of the  
7 Hyundai.

8 Q Okay. And, of course, there wouldn't be any fluids  
9 -- you would get that until the car stopped and it start  
10 leaking that way?

11 A No, I actually like to bring that up. You can see  
12 fluid trail start right at the end of the gauge marks.  
13 You see that dark area right there in front of the center  
14 gauge mark, that's where the fluid trail starts and leads  
15 up underneath the car. I didn't even think about it  
16 that's another way that you can tell that that's an area  
17 of impact.

18 Q Okay. Now, I want to talk about the truck that  
19 crashed into the tree. And as I understand it when you  
20 started the testimony, you indicated that insofar as  
21 during the various calculations and which ultimately leads  
22 determining the speed of the vehicle that made contact  
23 with the truck, it started with examining the tree and the  
24 truck?

25 A That's where I start my examinations, that's correct

1 and move backwards from there.

2 Q You want to find out what the crush factor is for the  
3 truck?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And you said that you look at the entire front of the  
6 truck?

7 A I actually map the entire front of the truck.

8 Q Map the front?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q You make measurements to determine the compression  
11 ---

12 A That's correct.

13 Q --- made by the tree?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay. And I believe that you indicated that  
16 ultimately you get or you can get the force that it took  
17 to send the truck into the tree?

18 A The force it took to cause that amount of damage, to  
19 cause that amount of crush to the truck which gives me  
20 equivalent barrier speed, which is then the speed that  
21 truck hit that tree at.

22 Q So then that's the force that was applied to the  
23 truck. Does it take into consideration the speed of the  
24 truck?

25 A That -- I mean, the speed of the truck when you're

1 talking about energy, unless you have it slowing down on  
2 the roadway, there's only two variables for energy and  
3 that's the weight of the truck and the velocity of the  
4 truck.

5 Q Yes, sir.

6 A So in order adjust your energy that's going into a  
7 system, you either have to change the weight or the  
8 velocity. The trucks don't gain or shed pounds driving  
9 down the roadway. So then the only variable that you have  
10 left is your velocity.

11 Q So now tell me what -- did you -- do you know what  
12 kind of tools are in the tool box?

13 A I do not everything was scattered out.

14 Q You so don't know what tools, full of tools or heavy  
15 tools or light tools?

16 A I do not know.

17 Q And, of course, the weight of the tool box -- well,  
18 you said you didn't know what the weight of it was?

19 A The tool box was not part of the collision after the  
20 impact. It was laying beside the car. So the weight of  
21 it is again irrelevant to my analysis.

22 Q When did the tool box come off there?

23 A It would have been right around the impact. It's  
24 laying right beside the car at the final rest.

25 Q Right around the impact?

1 A Yes. And like all the other debris, it's going to  
2 travel in the direction of the baring of the vehicles.

3 Q Okay. Now, the impact -- the photograph we just  
4 looked at the vehicle up the road and tool box up the  
5 road?

6 A Uh-huh.

7 Q And you said when it came off at the impact?

8 A It's going to start to come off. The major force is  
9 knocking it off. Again, like everything else, it's not  
10 going to drop right down on the road where the impact is.

11 Q The fact -- the impact occurred here and the tool box  
12 is all the way down by the door of the Hyundai?

13 A Well, there's another factor you're not considering.

14 Q Pardon me.

15 A There's another factor you're not considering.

16 Q What is that?

17 A Well, the tool box is going to come straight back.  
18 It may have been on the hood of that car until the car  
19 stopped. I mean, the only thing between ---

20 Q That's how calculated it as the tool box being on top  
21 the car?

22 A Again, the tool box does not matter to me. I don't  
23 -- as far as my analysis, it doesn't matter. The tool box  
24 could have been in another county, it does not matter.

25 Q Well, how about if they were five people in the truck

1     instead of two would that matter to you?

2     A     Yes, I would account for that.

3     Q     And how about accounted for two instead of one?

4     A     Yes. I mean, it's very minor when you're talking  
5     about the weight of the vehicle it's very minor, but I do  
6     account for it.

7     Q     It would change -- it would change the dynamics of  
8     your numbers though would it not to some degree?

9     A     I mean to a miniscule amount ---

10    Q     Miniscule amount.

11    A     --- it may.

12    Q     You know what else I thought about in terms when you  
13    telling us about the speed of the truck. You know when I  
14    went out there look at that shoulder of that road where  
15    the imprints that the truck made, oh, it's boggy?

16    A     It is a little boggy.

17    Q     Kind of boggy?

18    A     Uh-huh.

19    Q     Messed up my shoes.

20    A     It could.

21    Q     I'm trying to figure out how you can compensate. You  
22    said that there's no drag and almost take a tractor to go  
23    through there to get down into where that tree at. I  
24    mean, if you going down on the side of road, doesn't it?

25    A     Yeah, it could. I mean, it's -- it would

1 significantly impede the speed of the truck which is bad

2 ---

3 Q It would have to. I would have to.

4 A Yeah.

5 Q And I think you said in your calculation you just  
6 didn't do any kind of compensation for that. I mean, you  
7 said that what did you say -- I wrote it done down. You  
8 compared it to rolling a tire, pulling a tire. Well, I  
9 guess, if you were on a flat surface, I guess, it would  
10 probably be pretty easy to calculate -- to say what  
11 effect, if any, the surface of the road would have on  
12 determining the speed of the vehicle?

13 A Flat surfaces are easier. Asphalts easier.

14 Q You would agree in terms of the surface that this  
15 truck traveled on -- you just can't do it, can you?

16 A Well, I can do it, but for the benefit of your  
17 client, I left that out, that raises her speed.

18 Q Raises her speed?

19 A Yes. Like I said, I did the most conservative  
20 analysis that I could. Anything that I add to it raises  
21 her speed.

22 Q Well, I thought we were just kind of doing it taking  
23 it as we find it and not necessarily -- well, if you say  
24 so. I mean, I'm just -- here's what I'm trying to  
25 determine whether or not because ultimately you testified

1 that -- and, of course, this was to a degree that coming  
2 from Home Branch Road and looking down the road and at the  
3 speed that Ms. Brown was traveling at, that whoever came  
4 from Home Branch Road would not have been able to see her  
5 vehicle?

6 A That's correct.

7 Q And, of course, what I'm trying to determine is how  
8 these numbers could possibly change depending upon first  
9 of all whether or not the person came off Home Branch Road  
10 where you said they would have been looking from. And if  
11 they were looking instead from the driveway by Boyd Road,  
12 I mean, I know that would change things. I mean, I know  
13 you've told us how it happens, but we just -- we're trying  
14 to make sense of it.

15 A I understand.

16 Q Now, you also said that there was no evidence to  
17 indicate as far as the truck that the breaks had been  
18 applied. Did you say that?

19 A That's correct, yes, sir.

20 Q Driver struck from the rear, the truck leaves the  
21 road and headed toward the tree. Now, you also indicated  
22 that centrifugal force would have thrown the passenger  
23 backwards, right?

24 A The force coming in, yes, it would have thrown the  
25 occupants of the truck. Essentially, the truck gets

1 pushed out from under them. So it would go to the back,  
2 yes.

3 Q Okay. No -- nothing to suggest the injury to the  
4 occupants of the truck, but that had occurred at the  
5 collision when the vehicles made contact or when they made  
6 contact with the tree?

7 A The injuries that I know about based on my  
8 experience, training and the thousands of collisions that  
9 I've seen would have been at the point of impact. The  
10 majority -- the most varying injuries would be at the  
11 point of impact.

12 Q Point of impact.

13 A That's when you're getting the most energy through  
14 that vehicle.

15 Q Okay. I see. Point of impact. That's where the car  
16 and the truck came together?

17 A Yes, sir, where the car hits the rear end of the  
18 truck.

19 Q Okay. Well, we had a doctor come in here and talk  
20 about the injuries. I can't remember what day that was.  
21 And, of course, you never seen the autopsy or anything  
22 from the young man that died?

23 A I just seen the coroner's report.

24 Q Okay. I think when they found -- they had to cut --  
25 the fire department had take the passenger from under the

1 seat down in between the dashboard and the seat. And then  
2 the other driver was down up under the steering wheel?

3 A I know about the driver. I never saw the passenger.

4 Q Now, you think that based on your -- he got there  
5 when the collision occurred or when he hit the tree?

6 A They would go -- they got down underneath at the  
7 impact of the tree.

8 Q I was thinking that.

9 A You have two directions of forces here?

10 Q From the impact of the tree. So now, of course --  
11 but you said there's nothing to indicate that anybody --  
12 there was no breaking activity on the truck between the  
13 time of the collision and the time of the tree?

14 A There were skid marks on the road. There were no --  
15 the grass was not gauged out as it traveled through the  
16 boggy area that you describe.

17 Q Yes, sir.

18 A It's just tire marks rolling down the grass.  
19 Nothing's chewed up like the breaks are locked going  
20 through there. The tire marks are straight. It's not  
21 like anything swerving like this. So there was no input  
22 once the Hyundai collided with the rear end of the Dodge.

23 Q And the breaks were operable, right?

24 A As far as we know the breaks were operable.

25 Q Anybody examine the vehicle?

1 A They had a general vehicle exam done on the vehicle.

2 Q General vehicle exam. Who did that?

3 A That was actually our mechanic which is Corporal  
4 O'Donald.

5 Q So somebody had to apply the break, they probably  
6 would have worked if they wanted to try to stop the  
7 vehicle?

8 A I mean, based on the condition of the vehicle at  
9 least the front breaks would have. You saw the damage to  
10 the rear axle. I am not sure that the -- I don't know  
11 whether or not any break lines -- I know the shock towers  
12 were actually pulled a part back there. I don't know if  
13 the break lines were still intact for the rear of the  
14 vehicle.

15 Q So for whatever reason, the driver of the vehicle  
16 between the time of the impact with the vehicle and time  
17 impact of the collision never applied the breaks?

18 A That is what the evidence indicates.

19 Q Would you think that would contribute to the force of  
20 the impact against the tree? The fact that the breaks  
21 were never applied.

22 A Yes, actually that would mean that the truck had to  
23 slow down more until it got to that point which again  
24 raises your client's initial impact speed. I only gave it  
25 rolling resistance, you know, to give her every benefit

1 that I could. So, yes, it would, but it would increase  
2 the speed of the truck which increases the speed of the  
3 Hyundai that strikes the truck.

4 Q Well, it either increases the speed of the Hyundai  
5 will make you wonder why the man didn't apply the breaks,  
6 right?

7 A He got hit in the rear when you saw the damage to the  
8 truck.

9 Q I saw the damage to the truck from the rear and from  
10 the front and from the tree?

11 A Yeah. From the rear end, I've seen a handful of  
12 collisions with that much damage to the rear. And in  
13 every instance, there's no breaking post impact because  
14 the occupants cannot break post. They either don't have  
15 their wits about them or usually they're deceased.

16 Q Or may be intoxicated. I mean, you never know?

17 A Every time I've seen them, then they usually been  
18 deceased or they're unconscious.

19 Q All right. Now, of course, in terms of concluding  
20 again the speed of Ms. Brown's vehicle and now moving back  
21 from the collision with the tree and I believe you would  
22 agree that with respect to the calculation that we've come  
23 up with or that you came up with as far as the amount of  
24 force that it could have taken because the amount of crush  
25 to the front of the vehicle, you still moving backward to

1 determine the amount of speed?

2 A That's correct. I'm moving backwards through those  
3 sections.

4 Q And, of course, there you are looking at the weight  
5 of the vehicle. Did you factor in the weight of the  
6 vehicle?

7 A Through one segment of it I did.

8 Q Sir?

9 A Through one of the segments, yes, I did.

10 Q And you did factor in determining the speed of the  
11 vehicle or -- well, the lighter the vehicle the harder it  
12 is to stop them?

13 A No, the lighter the vehicle, the easier it is to  
14 push.

15 Q Easier it is to push?

16 A Yes.

17 Q But when you apply your breaks in a lighter  
18 automobile, it just doesn't make a difference?

19 A Most cars stop in about the same distance. Now,  
20 would a big truck, you know, commercial motor vehicle will  
21 not as fast as a car will because they do have more weight  
22 and they have a different breaking system, but most  
23 breaking systems on automobiles whether or not they be  
24 cars or trucks, react about the same. Matter of fact, one  
25 of the equations that we use and I didn't work it out on

1 this is if your client hit the breaks and hit absolutely  
2 nothing until she came to stop, then her speed is 55 miles  
3 an hour for that distance hitting absolutely nothing.  
4 That equation does not account for the weight of her  
5 vehicle because it's factored out in the derivation for  
6 that formula. So it has a constant number which in that  
7 is -- I mean, it's the square root of 30 times the  
8 distance times the roadway friction, but the weight is  
9 derivated out of it. So, no, I can use that number for a  
10 car. I could use it for a truck. If I do some  
11 adjustments to the roadway friction for the different  
12 breaking system on commercial motor vehicle, I can even  
13 use it for a large truck. So in some instances the weight  
14 does matter a little bit and I make sure in case you ask  
15 that question to actually use the weights of the vehicle  
16 for the third section of my analysis, but I can take that  
17 weight out. I could work it with the weight and I can  
18 take the weight out and just do  $30DF$  on it and come up  
19 with the exact same number.

20 Q It's amazing. You would think that the weight of the  
21 vehicle would add to the drag?

22 A No. They both have tires. It's interaction of the  
23 tires with the roadway.

24 Q Okay. And the fact that I'm driving a vehicle versus  
25 a 500 pound man doesn't make a difference?

1 A Not necessarily. I mean, it's very miniscule because  
2 you figure average car is anywhere from 2500 to 5,000  
3 pounds for your larger cars. If you get a truck like  
4 mine, I think my truck is 7500 pounds. It's a large  
5 truck. But when you put that in comparison to a 150  
6 pounds or 250 pounds, you know that number is very  
7 miniscule when you're talking thousands of pounds. So,  
8 no, it does not make that large of a difference.

9 Q I see. So then coming back from the collision with  
10 the tree, back to the crush of the vehicle, back to the  
11 impact of the force that was taken, and then you going to  
12 the speed of the vehicle?

13 A Well, after the impact, then I'm going through that  
14 extra 50 something feet. It's 58 feet -- 53 feet of skid  
15 marks and going to what the speed was before. We're  
16 saying that the vehicle really started decelerating to an  
17 impact.

18 Q Now, the skid marks you said you measured 53 feet of  
19 skid marks?

20 A Prior to the collision ---

21 Q Yes, sir.

22 A --- is 53.61 and then after the collision is another  
23 105.03. So we're looking at another 158 feet of skid  
24 marks in total.

25 Q So you've got breaking after the collision?

1 A Yes, from the Hyundai.

2 Q After she collided with the vehicle or the truck, you  
3 got breaking on the vehicle. It seems to me that that  
4 whole front end was torn up after -- what kind of breaks  
5 are you talking about then?

6 A What do you mean?

7 Q Well, are they rotary drum breaks or rotary on the  
8 front of the vehicle?

9 A Her vehicle had rotary breaks. I believe it was  
10 four-wheel disc breaks on her vehicle.

11 Q So you got disc breaks. And now if she was on the  
12 breaks, the breaks didn't lock or they would have locked  
13 if she was on the breaks?

14 A Well, they lock let go lock, let go lock for the  
15 antilock, yes. But they don't ever really let it go.  
16 It's still --

17 Q They slowing the vehicle down?

18 A Yes, it is.

19 Q Are they still making a tread mark?

20 A Yes, they still would.

21 Q So based on your analysis, she would have still been  
22 on the break even though she would have collided and even  
23 though you had the damage that was shown from the front of  
24 the vehicle with front breaks -- rotary breaks, the breaks  
25 was still operating?

1 A I mean, we could see the skid marks going right up to  
2 the car, so yes, sir, she is still decelerating by  
3 breaking through that entire section.

4 Q Okay. Now, you measured skid marks from where  
5 vehicle came to rest back to where you claim the collision  
6 occurred?

7 A I measure them through the whole length of them.  
8 From the first visible point to the last visible point  
9 they're measured.

10 Q Okay. Now, do you know what the distance is from  
11 where you said the collision occurred to the peek of the  
12 hill?

13 A Yes, actually from the collision occurred see we're  
14 looking at 53. Well, I can tell you we're just past the  
15 peek of the hill. You looking at 53 feet from the point  
16 of impact to the beginning of the skid. And then you have  
17 another 545 feet which will be just on that other side of  
18 the hill crest. If you have a ruler, I can actually get  
19 you close to the speed. I just have to measure this  
20 distance and apply it to the scale. But from my  
21 calculations, you're looking 598 feet roughly.

22 Q Okay. I believe you indicated the speed of the  
23 vehicle, the truck at the time of the collision?

24 A Uh-huh.

25 Q What was that?

1 A Based on the average acceleration rate for that make  
2 and model and year of the vehicle is for 97.11 feet would  
3 be 20.28 miles per hour.

4 Q Okay. Now, would that not depend on where the  
5 vehicle was coming from?

6 A Certainly, it would depend on that.

7 Q Okay.

8 A That's the measurement taken from the stop bar of  
9 Home Branch.

10 Q That's Home Branch?

11 A Yes, the stop bar from Home Branch to the impact  
12 scene.

13 Q Okay. So now if it didn't start from Home Branch,  
14 which I know, but, I mean, that would change the whole  
15 dynamics of it?

16 A Certainly, it would.

17 MR. BARR: All right. Thank you, sir. I have  
18 no further questions.

19 THE COURT: Anything further?

20 MR. DURANT: Yes, sir, I'll be brief.

21 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. DURANT:

23 Q Officer Ridgeway, there were some -- number of  
24 questions to you pose to you about some variables that may  
25 have could have been accounted for that weren't -- one of

1     which is Mr. Barr ask about the road side had been --  
2     would have impeded the speed of the pickup truck as it  
3     approached the tree. And I believe you responded to that  
4     question to Mr. Barr that that would be bad for him or bad  
5     for his client testimony. Tell the jury what you meant by  
6     that?

7     A     Basically if you think about it you ever had to push  
8     a vehicle or a heavy object, right. If it's on the  
9     asphalt, it's easy to push. What you're doing is you're  
10    applying a force to it and that's all we're calculating  
11    here or we're taking into account. There's an amount of  
12    force that a vehicle has coming in also I refer to it  
13    energy as well. Well, you know if you push it on a flat  
14    surface, it take a lot less force to push that vehicle.  
15    You try pushing it through sand or through boggy grass, it  
16    takes more force to push that vehicle, but the only place  
17    that force comes in here is through speed. So if I  
18    account for that, it raises the speed of the truck which  
19    the speed of the truck is getting the energy basic physics  
20    energy in equals energy out, okay. So if we know what the  
21    energy out is, the only way that the energy is coming in  
22    in this collision is through the defendant's vehicle. So  
23    if I raise the speed on the truck, which is raising the  
24    energy, then I've got to raise her speed as well.

25    Q     So the end result is if that means she's going

1 faster?

2 A Yes.

3 Q In the 55.9 mile an hour that you testified to  
4 earlier in the 64.67 miles an hour even?

5 A Yes, sir, that's correct.

6 Q In a 45 mile per hour zone?

7 A That's correct.

8 Q There were some questions pose to you about two  
9 points the impacts one being in the roadway between the  
10 two vehicles and then with a pickup truck and the tree on  
11 the side of the road, Mr. Barr asked you several questions  
12 about whether not somebody would be able to break after  
13 the impact on the roadway. And I think you testified that  
14 in your experience -- they usually deceased with that type  
15 of impact based on that degree of force to the rear of the  
16 vehicle; is that right?

17 A That is a massive amount of energy coming into the  
18 rear of that vehicle and normally -- even at low speeds  
19 collision you start seeing whiplash. I mean, that's what  
20 causes whiplash getting hit from behind. So and that's a  
21 low speed collision. You start you -- I mean, you get up  
22 around 50, 55 miles an hour or above, I mean, whiplash  
23 turns into broken necks.

24 Q Okay. Of course, the seats were broken in this case;  
25 is that correct?

1 A That's correct.

2 Q Okay. He ask you whether or not you seen an autopsy  
3 report. I think you said you seen a coroner's reporting  
4 this?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. Based upon your training and your expertise  
7 and your view of the coroner's report, is this accident  
8 consistent with death and great bodily injury at the point  
9 of impact?

10 A Yes, it is.

11 Q I ask a couple more questions and I'll finish up.  
12 Mr. Barr he obviously proposed a couple of alternative  
13 explanations, new theories for how this accident occurred.  
14 One of which was that the car now is now longer -- pulling  
15 out of Boyd Road, but on the private drive before you get  
16 to Boyd Road?

17 A Yes.

18 Q I think you said that wouldn't fit the dynamics of  
19 this collision. What did you mean by that?

20 A Essentially, if we assume that the car is coming out  
21 of this little driveway right there, then you would have  
22 to suppose that the car or the truck is able to  
23 immediately turn and get its vehicle centered in the  
24 roadway before it is immediately hit in the rear end by  
25 the Hyundai because we can see on the frame rails that the

1 damage is equal on both sides. So the car has to be  
2 getting hit straight on. If it is hit at an angle, you'll  
3 have directionality of the impact. You know everything is  
4 crushed towards the cab towards the front. It's not going  
5 off to the right. It's not going off to the left. So the  
6 only place that it could come from is getting directly hit  
7 from behind.

8 Q And I think when you discussed this with Mr. Barr --  
9 I'm sorry.

10 A That's just too short of a distance to swing -- I  
11 don't know that you can swing a little car out. I mean,  
12 you can get centered up in the roadway there.

13 Q And I think when you were discussing this with  
14 Mr. Barr, you said it was possible to get a vehicle  
15 positioned that way and you testified that to him you  
16 don't want that to happen?

17 A That's correct.

18 Q What do you mean by that?

19 A Well, because I've actually looked at that as well.  
20 If you were going to present that the vehicle turns out of  
21 that driveway and we can all see that -- I mean, that's a  
22 very short distance. So you're not going to expect lot of  
23 speed at that point. I mean, you have to assume that the  
24 vehicle as soon as it turns out gets hit in the rear. So  
25 a speed is closer to zero. Again energy out is equal to

1 energy in. So if you do the math on that going with the  
2 in-line energy equation, then that puts her car at 98  
3 miles an hour at impact.

4 Q So if the speed of the black pickup truck is closer  
5 to zero, if he just pulled out from Boyd Road and square  
6 his vehicle and he's going just zero or just above, the  
7 speed is not of her vehicle, then is 98 miles an hour?

8 A That's correct.

9 Q In a 45 mile per hour?

10 A That's correct.

11 Q So according to her new her theory, Mr. Barr's new  
12 theory, if we're to believe that, then at the point of  
13 impact of these two vehicles, she's driving her vehicle  
14 under the influence alcohol at a .21 blood alcohol content  
15 at 98 miles an hour in a 45 mile per hour zone?

16 A That's why I said I did the most conservative thing  
17 that I could to give her best. I mean, based on the  
18 evidence and what I can do, I gave her the best scenario.

19 Q You testified a minute ago to Mr. Barr her best case  
20 scenario was that the victims turned off Home Branch Road;  
21 is that correct?

22 A That's correct.

23 MR. DURANT: No further questions.

24 THE COURT: Thank you, sir. You can step down.

25 (WHEREUPON, the witness leaves the witness

1 stand.)

2 MR. DURANT: Your Honor, the State would rest?

3 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, we're going to  
4 take a break. The State has rested their case. I'll get  
5 you back out in a few minutes. One thing you can do for  
6 me while you're back there. You spent the week together.  
7 I need you to select a foreperson in this case. It needs  
8 to be from original 12, that person doesn't have any  
9 greater vote than anyone else. They simply preside over  
10 the deliberations and sign verdict form. So while you're  
11 back there, if you'll select a foreperson and I'll get you  
12 back you out in about ten or 15 minutes and you tell me  
13 who that is. And we'll continue this case, but don't talk  
14 about the case until I tell you. You can just select a  
15 foreperson. We'll be in recess.

16 (WHEREUPON, the jury retire to the jury room.)

17 THE COURT: Anything we need to do before we  
18 take a break?

19 MR. BARR: You going to hear motions?

20 THE COURT: I can.

21 MR. BARR: Judge, it would be the defense's  
22 position that we would move for a directed verdict with  
23 respect to the felony DUI first count of the indictment  
24 resulting in murder, resulting in death as well as the  
25 second count which resulted in great bodily injury. It

1 would be our considered position that with respect to the  
2 elements of the offense that is that the defendant while  
3 operating a vehicle in South Carolina in Clarendon County  
4 under the influence and, of course, we realize that the  
5 jury could very well conclude based on the evidence  
6 presented by way of the blood test result, the jury could  
7 conclude that she was under influence.

8           However, the elements also include that the  
9 prosecution will show that she -- that she either  
10 disobeyed some law or refused to comply with some duty  
11 that was imposed. And moreover that not the driving under  
12 the influence, but her failure to commit or to do such an  
13 act was the actual proximate cause of the death or in the  
14 other case the energy. And we would -- it would be our  
15 position that such an act -- there is no evidence that she  
16 committed such an act as a to proximate cause of the death  
17 or as proximate cause of great bodily injury.

18           THE COURT: Mr. Barr, I think there is  
19 sufficient evidence in this case -- it goes to the jury.  
20 The State has presented evidence that she had a blood  
21 alcohol of 21. And also presented evidence that at the  
22 time of the impact she was exceeding the speed limit. And  
23 as a result of that impact and based upon testimony, that  
24 the impact it in fact was likely to cause the death of the  
25 driver and the serious injury of the passenger. And at

1 this stage is existence of the evidence. The jury will  
2 give it whatever weight it determines is appropriate. I  
3 think there's sufficient evidence to give this case to the  
4 jury. I respectfully deny your motion. Anything else?

5 MR. BARR: No, sir.

6 THE COURT: I need to call the sheriff and give  
7 him 15 minutes notice or a little longer if you still want  
8 the jury to go to the scene?

9 MR. BARR: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: Can you give me an idea about what  
11 time you want me to take jury out there. Now, it's on  
12 you. The State has rested. How long your case is going  
13 to take?

14 MR. BARR: Is four o'clock too late?

15 THE COURT: No, sir. I need to get him up here  
16 and give him some instructions of where to take them and  
17 what you want them to see.

18 MR. BARR: Yes, sir.

19 THE COURT: So you want him in here at four  
20 o'clock?

21 MR. BARR: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: Okay. All right. He'll be here at  
23 four o'clock. He's got a van that will carry 14 people  
24 plus the driver. We'll take a few minute recess and come  
25 back and begin your case.

1 MR. BARR: All right.

2 (WHEREUPON, a break was taken.)

3 THE COURT: You all can be seated. You ready,

4 Mr. Barr.

5 MR. BARR: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: Bring me the jury please, sir.

7 (WHEREUPON, the jury came into open court.)

8 THE COURT: You all selected a foreperson?

9 JUROR: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: Who is it?

11 JUROR: Barbara Shumpert.

12 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, ma'am.

13 All right, Mr. Barr.

14 MR. BARR: Please the Court, Judge. The defense  
15 calls Ms. Tammy Dianne Brown.

16 THE COURT: Come around and place your left hand  
17 on the Bible and raise your right.

18 THE CLERK: Raise your right hand please and  
19 repeat name please?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Tammy Dianne Brown.

21 THE CLERK: You solemnly swear the testimony you  
22 give to be the truth and nothing but the truth so help you  
23 God?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

25 DIRECT EXAMINATION

1 BY MR. BARR:

2 Q Ms. Brown, state your full name for the record  
3 please?

4 A Tammy Dianne Brown.

5 Q And where do you live?

6 A Manning, South Carolina.

7 Q And what is your address?

8 A [REDACTED] Winters Hill Road Manning, South Carolina.

9 Q Now, are you married or single?

10 A I'm single.

11 Q Have any children?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q How many?

14 A Two.

15 Q What are their ages?

16 A Twenty-four and 26.

17 Q And what do they do?

18 A My daughter -- my oldest daughter works at K Jewels  
19 and my other daughter works at the convenient store on  
20 261.

21 Q And are you employed?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q What kind employment?

24 A I work at Eaton.

25 Q At where?

1 A Eaton Cutler Hammer. I work on the box line Eaton  
2 Culter Hammer in Sumter.

3 Q All right. Now, if you would please, ma'am, you  
4 given us your address. Tell us where in Manning is your  
5 home located?

6 A My home is located almost two miles from Home Branch  
7 mile.

8 Q And when you say almost two miles from Home Branch  
9 Road, can you be more specific as to where your house is?

10 A My house is -- if you familiar with Hen (sic) Lucas  
11 shop my house is right on Winter Hill Road. As you first  
12 turn in, my house is like the third house on -- that'll be  
13 on my right.

14 Q Now, I believe you were involved in an incident on  
15 August 30th of 2014; is that correct?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q Car collision, car wreck?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q Now, do you remember what you did on August 30th of  
20 2014?

21 A Yes, sir, at the time I was employed at Pilgrim Pride  
22 third shift and I just got off from work and I went home.

23 Q And what time did you get home?

24 A I got home around about seven -- no, we get off at  
25 8:20.

1 Q Okay. And what did you do after that?

2 A I clean the house a little bit, took a shower, eat  
3 something kind of laid down for a little while.

4 Q And tells us what happened after that?

5 A Well, me and my boyfriend was suppose to go my family  
6 in Charleston really and we suppose to go back home to  
7 visit my sisters and brothers. And he didn't -- he  
8 decided he didn't want to go now. So my girlfriend,  
9 Debbie, from Summerville ask me to come to her mother's  
10 birthday party. And I was like, well, you know I work  
11 hard and everything, so I don't do anything on the weekend  
12 any way so I go head on out there to her mother's birthday  
13 party.

14 Q And where did you go to the birthday party?

15 A Her mother birthday party was in Pine Wood at her  
16 house.

17 Q And did you go to -- you went to the birthday party  
18 in Pine Wood. How did you get to Pine Wood from your  
19 house?

20 A I drove.

21 Q What direction did you go in -- what route did you  
22 take?

23 A I left home and I made the -- that be the left turn  
24 going towards Paxville.

25 Q And that's on Highway 261?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Okay. And you went to your girlfriend's house in  
3 Pineville?

4 A Pine Wood.

5 Q Pine Wood?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q Okay. All right. Now, was there any drinking going  
8 on or did you have anything to drink at your girlfriend's  
9 house?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q Tell us about that please, ma'am?

12 A When I got there, me and her actually had on the same  
13 outfit and we was just standing there talking or whatever.  
14 And she ask me did I want a drink and we had some wine  
15 coolers and stuff in a cooler and she gave me one. At  
16 first she gave me one. Then we talk some more. Then we  
17 start doing a little dancing.

18 Q Now, with respect to what you dranked, is it your  
19 testimony that you drank one wine cooler?

20 A Two.

21 Q All right. And do you specifically remember drinking  
22 too wine coolers?

23 A Well, yes, it was two because when I was dancing or  
24 whatever, I was -- when I first got there, she gave me  
25 one. Then we were dancing whatever and then she gave me

1 another one and that was it and went in the house and sat  
2 down.

3 Q Now, you heard -- you been in this courtroom  
4 throughout this trial?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q It is Thursday now. You been here since Monday?

7 A Yes.

8 Q You heard some conversation and testimony in here  
9 that you got one for the road. Now, tell us if you would  
10 please, ma'am, first of all other than the two wine  
11 coolers that you mentioned, did you get anything else to  
12 drink?

13 A No, sir.

14 Q Did you carry anything out of the house to drink?

15 A I put a cup of ice because when we was sitting there  
16 talking to her mother them at the kitchen table and I was  
17 getting ready to go and I told her to get me some ice for  
18 the road, but that's how I usually do after work working  
19 third shift or whatever. So she gave me some ice in a cup  
20 that.

21 Q That's the same cup that you were drinking out of?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q Did you tell Mr. Minnix or Trooper Minnix that you  
24 got -- you had one for the road?

25 A No, sir, I never remember seeing him.

1 Q Now, tell us if you would please, ma'am, it did come  
2 a time when you left your girlfriend's house?

3 A Yes.

4 Q In Pine Wood?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Well, tell us about what you did out there when you  
7 left?

8 A Okay, I left my girlfriend's house. I left Debbie  
9 house and I was coming towards home. And I was coming  
10 towards home, I was coming up this hill.

11 Q What road were you traveling on?

12 A The same road I think they call 521 -- 261 that's  
13 what it's called I think.

14 Q All right?

15 A Okay, I was coming towards home. I called my  
16 daughter and I told my daughter ask her I say Cici did you  
17 get Corsey (sic) ready for church in the morning and she  
18 said, yeah, Ma, so she hung up and I hung up. And after I  
19 hung up from her, that's when I seen the 18 wheeler was  
20 coming this lane right here. I'm coming up the hill --  
21 I'm coming down the hill, the 18 wheeler with bright  
22 lights on just coming like. It had real bright lights and  
23 it's coming down the hill like this. And I was like -- I  
24 got contacts, so I'm like, you know, trying not to look  
25 directly into the lights and stuff so. As I was coming

1 down the hill and the 18 wheeler was going up the hill.  
2 Soon as the 18 wheeler passed me, I seen this dim light  
3 just dipped in, I say -- all of a sudden I just like what  
4 the hell like that and I just (clap hand).

5 Q Well, we don't understand the clapping?

6 A Skid, I'm sorry, but it just and I skid. When I skid  
7 and my airbags just came out and just threw me back like  
8 this. And I look forward and I seen like a bumper thing,  
9 so now I'm mad because I got this car on the road like two  
10 weeks before the accident happen. So I'm getting out, I  
11 got new seat belts on my car. I just got this car back on  
12 the road and everything like that, so I'm loosening my  
13 seat belt because now the airbag is coming out and I'm  
14 itching, I'm itching. So I got out the car. When I got out  
15 the car, I'm looking around, I'm like what happened, what  
16 happened, you know.

17 Q Did you know where you were physically, geography or  
18 do you recognize any place when you -- after the  
19 collision?

20 A Not really because I never seen that -- you know, I  
21 never really seen that road there before. I travel every  
22 day.

23 Q What road is that?

24 A That little road, that little side road right there,  
25 the only road I know from the side when I take my trash

1 off further up. I never did paid attention to that little  
2 road right there.

3 Q Now, let's show down a second. Now, as you were  
4 coming, traveling east on Highway 261, you said you  
5 collided with something. At the time did you know what  
6 you collided with?

7 A No, sir.

8 Q Okay. Did you know -- you did not know it was  
9 another vehicle?

10 A No, sir.

11 Q Okay. Did you notice whether or not the vehicle had  
12 any lights or how it was traveling?

13 A I didn't see any.

14 Q Now, you said the vehicle came in front of you; is  
15 that correct?

16 A No, I said -- yeah, it came directly like that and  
17 that's when I put my breaks down.

18 Q Now, where did it come from?

19 A It came from the side road. It came from the side of  
20 me. It came from my right side.

21 Q The right side?

22 A Yes, sir, came off the right side.

23 Q Okay. Now, are you sure about that?

24 A Okay, I'm coming this way right here. See that  
25 little lane right there, as I was coming down the hill at

1 that right there, the 18 wheeler was coming up the hill  
2 like this. And I see a little something dimmed dodge  
3 right in the front and I just put my breaks down and I got  
4 thrown back by my air bags.

5 Q Now, you know where Home Branch Road is?

6 A Yes, sir, it's further back that way -- this way  
7 right here.

8 Q And Home Branch Road was on your left?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q Now, Ms. Brown, are you sure the vehicle that you  
11 collided with did not come from Home Branch Road?

12 A It couldn't have because a 18 wheeler had just pass  
13 me. I had just got my eyes back looking like this right  
14 here and a 18 wheeler had just pass, so ain't no way that  
15 it could have came from that way because if it did, it  
16 would have ran straight into the 18 wheeler. That 18  
17 wheeler had just pass me.

18 Q Did you know it was another vehicle that you collided  
19 with?

20 A No, not at the time, no.

21 Q Okay. And you say that you didn't notice any lights  
22 on back of that?

23 A Well, whenever I hit -- when we collided in the back  
24 like this and after I came back up and look like this  
25 here, I looked up, we looking for my seat belt locked.

1 That's when I seen like a bumper thing. So now I'm mad  
2 because now I know it's a vehicle, so I'm getting out.  
3 I'm mad to confront this person say like why did you pull  
4 out dadada. So I'm getting ready to confront this person  
5 and now I don't see anything. So now I'm really, you  
6 know, confused now like I know something was here at  
7 first, but now I don't know now.

8 Q Well, now there did come a time when you were  
9 approached by some law enforcement officials at the  
10 accident scene, do you remember that?

11 A No, because when I got out the car and call my  
12 daughter and told her what had happened. And I'm still  
13 walk around waiting for her to get there. All of sudden  
14 people just started -- one girl came up and she was saying  
15 something. Then after that a lot people just start  
16 coming, coming, coming, coming, coming and now I'm just  
17 like don't know now what's going on now. I'm just like --  
18 I heard somebody say are you hurt, I'm like no. You go to  
19 the restroom, I say no. I say I want to talk to my  
20 daughter, she's right there. And next thing I know I was  
21 in the ambulance and everything is kind of like in and out  
22 from there.

23 Q How did you get in the ambulance?

24 A One of the lady's told me to come and lay down on the  
25 little thingy -- she -- come lay down on the thingy. I'm

1 kind of confused because like I say everything was  
2 happening so fast, so many lights and stuff was happening  
3 so fast. People was talking from everywhere. It was just  
4 confusing at that time.

5 Q Now, while you were in the ambulance, do you remember  
6 having a conversation with Trooper Minnix?

7 A No, sir.

8 Q Okay. You never recall him coming into the EMS  
9 vehicle and you telling him that you had two drinks and  
10 one for the road or do you recall a conversation -- having  
11 a conversation with him?

12 A No. No.

13 Q Okay. Are you sure about that?

14 A I'm sure.

15 Q Okay. He was never in the...

16 A I never seen him.

17 Q Well, what was the next thing that happen to you  
18 after you -- while after you got into the EMS vehicle?

19 A Like I said, everything happening so fast. Next  
20 thing I know I was at the hospital still asking for CiCi  
21 to come with me whatever. They was telling me she  
22 couldn't come in the room with me whatever. And people  
23 was asking me, you know -- they was just saying a lot of  
24 stuff. People was coming in and out. And then now  
25 everything for me now in and out also. And my main thing

1 was just to get my daughter to me. And they was asking  
2 can they take my blood and stuff like that.

3 Q Now, you did -- did you have a conversation at the  
4 hospital with Trooper Minnix?

5 A Like I say, I don't even remember him. I just  
6 remember nurses talking to me. I don't even remember him  
7 at all.

8 Q Well, did you ask him anything about bringing your  
9 daughter with you into emergency room?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q Okay.

12 A I told the nurse to bring -- can I have my daughter  
13 in the room with me because I know that she was out there  
14 with them too because she was right at home at the time  
15 when I called and told her what happened, so she came  
16 straight on.

17 Q At some point you had discussion I believe with a  
18 nurse about giving a blood sample, did you not?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q And tell us about that please?

21 A Well, at first they was telling me that they needed  
22 my blood and stuff like that. And I was like for what I'm  
23 not even hurt, why y'all want to be taking my blood, can I  
24 talk to my daughter and everything like that and that's  
25 what.

1 Q At that point did you know a person had been killed  
2 in this collision?

3 A No, sir.

4 Q When did you find that out?

5 A They was telling me -- they were telling me that like  
6 we need your blood because this happen, you kill somebody.  
7 I was like I ain't kill nobody, what you mean, who did I  
8 kill. I mean, I didn't even see anybody, what are you  
9 talking about I'm killing somebody, who did I kill.

10 Q Did you ever tell Trooper Minnix or anybody else that  
11 you had a head on collision with anybody?

12 A No. No. I told him that something -- the 18 wheeler  
13 was coming in front of me head on like this. I never said  
14 he hit me head on. I said it was coming head on this way  
15 and the thing pull out that way, that's what I was telling  
16 people. I don't know who it was I was telling it to, but  
17 that's when I said it, that's what I was saying.

18 Q Okay. Now, you did have a discussion with some  
19 people at the hospital regarding giving a blood sample,  
20 did you not?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q Tell us what happened with that?

23 A Like I said, a lot of people was coming in and out  
24 the room. I really couldn't identify who is who. All I  
25 know was they was asking for my blood and I was asking for

1 my daughter. Then they was like, oh, you got to give your  
2 blood because you kill somebody or whatever. And I'm  
3 still asking them like who did I kill dadada. So after  
4 that, everything just in bits and pieces and...

5 Q Okay. Well, did you -- the person that drew your  
6 blood, did you have a conversation with them?

7 A Yeah, she was later on I don't know how long it took  
8 or whatever, but she came back and like we got to take  
9 your blood and stuff like that and I was look okay. You  
10 know, I was like okay, you know what I'm just ready to go  
11 home, just go ahead and take the blood or whatever y'all  
12 do. I'm like I'm just tired right now because I don't  
13 even know what really, you know. Now, they saying that I  
14 kill someone whatever.

15 Q Did you have a discussion with anybody about an  
16 independent blood test?

17 A Repeat that, sir?

18 Q Did you have a discussion about with anybody in the  
19 hospital independent blood test?

20 A Yeah, she told me she said I could get my own. I  
21 said I want -- she said you could get your own blood and  
22 everything and I said okay fine. I say y'all just do what  
23 y'all do because I'm just tired.

24 Q Who told you that to?

25 A The nurse told me that I could have got my own blood

1 or whatever to be tested by someone else.

2 Q Have you seen that person in court this week?

3 A No, sir, I haven't seen them.

4 Q You have not seen the person in court this week?

5 A I don't remember who she was. Like I said, it was so  
6 many people coming in and out and I just like tell her to  
7 go ahead and just take it and stuff like that. Maybe her  
8 hair was different, I don't know.

9 Q Okay. Now, do you remember how fast you were driving  
10 when you had this collision?

11 A I was almost home. I didn't even have no reason to  
12 even be driving fast. I don't even...

13 Q How far were you away from your house?

14 A About half a mile down the road. I just talk to my  
15 daughter ask her did she get my grandson ready for church  
16 in the morning. And she said, yeah, ma and she hung up  
17 and I hung up.

18 Q Now, as you were on your way home up 261, did the  
19 vehicle that came -- after you find out where the vehicle  
20 that pulled in front of you now, do you know or did you at  
21 the time know that it was an automobile?

22 A Okay, when we actually collided -- when it after --  
23 when it first like, when the dim thing first pull out like  
24 this here, I didn't know what it was, but whenever we  
25 collided and I went came back and I came back up and I

1     tried look at my seat belt, I looked up I did see a  
2     bumper, that's why I knew it was a vehicle that's why I  
3     got out to confront this person ask them why did you pull  
4     out, but I didn't see anyone.

5     Q     Was there in anyway you could avoid running into the  
6     back of whatever it was you ran into?

7     A     I tried. Whatever it was, I try to miss it. I don't  
8     know if it was a deer, all I saw was a dim light or  
9     whatever. Whatever it is like I say when an 18 wheeler  
10    pass me all the lights and everything going this way and I  
11    was coming down like this and I see a little dim thing  
12    pull out and I just say what the hell and I slam my breaks  
13    down like that because I was like -- I seen the thing pull  
14    out like what the hell like this.

15    Q     Did not have taillights or any lights on the back?

16    A     None, nothing. Just something dim in the middle of  
17    the road and I was like...

18                 MR. BARR: Would you answer any questions that  
19    the prosecutor may have for you.

20                 MR. DURANT: Your Honor, may it please the  
21    Court.

22                 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

23                                 CROSS-EXAMINATION

24    BY MR. DURANT:

25    Q     Ms. Brown, good afternoon.

1 A Hey, good afternoon.

2 Q You mention that you had had a -- that you were  
3 living on Winters Hill Road at the time; is that right?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q I just want clarify not a major point, but you said  
6 at some point you live about two miles from Home Branch  
7 which is where this accident occurred and that later said  
8 that you were half a mile away from home. How far away  
9 were you exactly?

10 A Well, Home Branch is right there on the other side.  
11 My daughter's boyfriend house is right there and I think I  
12 say it don't take me about two minutes to get to the  
13 house, about two minutes to get to the house.

14 Q So about two minute away, not necessarily two miles  
15 but two minutes away?

16 A Yeah, two minutes.

17 Q And you were working at Pilgrim Pride at the time?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q Third shift?

20 A Yes.

21 Q You said you went home at about 8:20; is that right?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. And then at some point you left home and went  
24 back -- you went to Pine Wood; is that right?

25 A Yes, I went to my girlfriend house.

1 Q You went to your girlfriend's house in Pine Wood?

2 A Yes.

3 Q You mention there was some drinking and dancing going  
4 on there. How many people were at the party?

5 A About -- probably about 25, 30 I'm not sure, but some  
6 people was on the offset and stuff like that. Some people  
7 was in the house, some people was around the house.

8 Q Okay. And you were very clear about what you had to  
9 drink at the party it was two wine coolers; is that right?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q Okay. Of course, you been in court all week long for  
12 this trial. You've heard all the officers testify and I  
13 believe your testimony to Mr. Barr you never actually meet  
14 with Trooper Minnix. You don't remember him at all?

15 A I remember him when he came to my house after I got  
16 out of jail and he ask me did I have anything -- he said  
17 he came to my house I was in the living room. And he came  
18 to the door, I was just got out of jail. And some tall  
19 white guy came to the door he was like Tammy Brown here.  
20 My daughter say, Ma, someone at the door for you like  
21 this. So I went to the door and here he standing up there  
22 he say, well, I ain't know you was out of jail. I said  
23 what do you want. He said you want to speak to me, I  
24 said, no, sir, and he left. That's the only time I ever  
25 seen that man.

1 Q That's the only time you met with him?

2 A That's the only time I remember seeing him.

3 Q Remember seeing him?

4 A Yes.

5 Q But you were here when he testified this week  
6 specifically he as to conversations he had with you in the  
7 back of the ambulance?

8 A That's what he said. I don't remember him.

9 Q And he said that you admitted that you had been  
10 drinking. You remember what kind of drinks he said that  
11 you told him you had?

12 A He said tequila. I don't even know -- I never ever  
13 -- I don't even know how whatever that is -- does or is.

14 Q Well, he said tequila.

15 A I heard of it.

16 Q You had tequila, but didn't he also say that you  
17 changed your story and told him that you had two wine  
18 coolers?

19 A I don't remember talking to him, so I don't even know  
20 what he talking about.

21 Q Well, I understand you don't remember talking to him,  
22 but the point is that somehow Trooper Minnix -- if you're  
23 to be believed today, then somehow Trooper Minnix got it  
24 right. Somehow even though he didn't talk to you, if  
25 you're telling the jury the truth right now, somehow

1 Trooper Minnix got it right, that the drinks you had were  
2 two wine coolers would you agree with that somehow?

3 A I don't remember talking to him, I don't remember his  
4 face personally. There was a lot people coming in and out  
5 like that, so I don't remember him like facial facial.

6 Q I understand you don't remember him, but you would  
7 agree though somehow even though y'all didn't talk that  
8 night, somehow he got it right when he said that the  
9 drinks you had at the party were two wine coolers?

10 A Well, it might have been him, but I don't remember  
11 his face face.

12 Q Well, wait a minute now. I thought you said you  
13 don't remember anybody coming in?

14 A You said that do I remember talking to Minnix. I  
15 told you three times that I don't remember is facial  
16 features of who he was.

17 Q Maybe that's what I said, but now what I'm saying is  
18 -- now what I'm asking is do you remember talking to  
19 anybody in the ambulance because you told Mr. Barr a few  
20 minutes ago that you didn't. Now, I'm asking you is that  
21 still the truth?

22 A I said I was talking to the people inside the  
23 ambulance that was asking me questions.

24 Q Who were the people inside the ambulance?

25 A The ambulance workers. They had me laying back. He

1 was in my face like this right here. I didn't even look  
2 at them long enough to recognize who was who.

3 Q Okay. So whoever you were talking to somehow it got  
4 back to Trooper Minnix that you had two wine coolers; is  
5 that fair to say?

6 A That's what you say they say.

7 Q Well, that's not what I say they say. You been  
8 sitting here in court all week, hadn't you?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q Okay. You heard him testify, didn't you?

11 A Yes, I did.

12 Q Okay. Didn't he say that you changed your story and  
13 told him you had two wine coolers?

14 A That's what he said. He said that I change my story.  
15 That's what you said he said.

16 Q Okay. And even though somehow he got it right about  
17 that, about the two wine coolers somehow he got that  
18 information from you. It's your testimony that you did  
19 not tell him you had a drink for the road -- an alcoholic  
20 drink for road?

21 A I did not tell him that. I told him -- whoever I  
22 told it to, I told that -- I told that my girlfriend gave  
23 me ice in the cup.

24 Q Okay. And that's what you would have told him at the  
25 scene?

1 A Excuse me.

2 Q That's what you would have told him that night that  
3 the girlfriend gave you ice?

4 A That's what I would have told whoever it was asking  
5 me that, that's what I would have told them.

6 Q So they must have -- they got the part right about  
7 the two wine coolers, but then they changed the part about  
8 the cup for the road?

9 A I can't speak for them, I can only speak for me.

10 Q You can't speak for them, but you're telling the jury  
11 that you wouldn't have told them that?

12 A What? I wouldn't tell them what?

13 Q You didn't tell them that you had an open container  
14 alcohol?

15 A I did not tell nobody. I told them that my  
16 girlfriend gave me ice in the cup to take home.

17 Q Okay. I believe you told Mr. Barr that when you were  
18 in the ambulance you were kind in and out from there is  
19 what I wrote down. What did you mean by that?

20 A You know, people coming over you. They got you laid  
21 back and everything like that. This person talking you  
22 lay this way. This person telling you to lay that way in  
23 and out. You know, just answering questions with  
24 different people. You don't know who they are, but it's  
25 just repetitive questions and people just coming at you

1 with spontaneous type questions.

2 Q So that didn't mean in and out of consciousness?

3 A No, definitely not in and out of consciousness.

4 Q In and out of?

5 A Conversation in and out of conversation.

6 Q In and out of conversation with different people?

7 A Yes.

8 Q None of which were Trooper Minnix by the way?

9 A I do not remember facial features on people.

10 Q I mean, he's a big tall white guy. And you remember  
11 meeting him at your house?

12 A Because he's at my front door.

13 Q Okay, but not before that. You don't remember him  
14 before that?

15 A No.

16 Q Okay. You mentioned to Mr. Barr that you saw an 18  
17 wheel with bright lights coming up the hill towards you;  
18 is that right?

19 A Oh, yes, the 18 wheeler was coming this way and I was  
20 going down that way.

21 Q Okay. So on a Saturday night in August at around  
22 midnight there was an 18 wheeler coming up the hill  
23 towards Paxville; is that right? Towards you as you  
24 crested the hill on Home Branch?

25 A I was going back towards home from Pine Wood. The 18

1 wheeler was coming ---

2 Q It was going towards Pine passing you?

3 A It was going towards that way passing me, yes.

4 Q So there was a 18 wheeler that passed you that night  
5 just before this accident, but the truth is and 'til this  
6 moment and 'til today you never told anybody about that 18  
7 wheeler?

8 A Nobody ever asked me.

9 Q Nobody ever asked you.

10 A I told my daughter.

11 Q Okay, so you told your daughter. Then you would  
12 agree with me then because the reasons -- I understand the  
13 reasons because nobody asked you, but the answer to the  
14 question is, no, you didn't -- you never told anybody in  
15 this world, no highway patrolmen, no investigator, nobody  
16 about an 18 wheeler that was passing you just before this  
17 accident. This is the first time you told anybody; isn't  
18 that right?

19 A Anybody like -- I told my daughter. They never -- no  
20 officer ever ask me what was on the road. At that time on  
21 the road was me and an 18 wheeler at that present time  
22 before the thing dodge out in front of. No one ever ask  
23 me said, well, what kind of car was passing you. No one  
24 ever ask me that. No one ever ask me anything another  
25 vehicle on the road at all.

1 Q So -- but at some point they talk to you. They got  
2 the information that you had two wine coolers, but because  
3 nobody asked you specifically whether or not an 18 wheeler  
4 was passing you. You just never told anybody.

5 A No one ever had a straight conversation with me about  
6 that. No one ever had. People was asking me questions about  
7 my health are you okay you need help. No, I don't need  
8 any help.

9 Q But you were in and out of conversations all night.

10 A Yes, I was.

11 Q And you didn't tell anybody about an 18 wheeler  
12 passing you?

13 A Okay. I'm laying down in the ambulance, that  
14 conversation -- their conversation is how I'm doing. It's  
15 not like what happened. It's like how am I doing. The  
16 conversation is about how I'm doing not what happened.

17 Q So they just ask you how you were doing?

18 A Yes, sir, they were asking me how am I doing.

19 Q It's a pretty long period of time between when this  
20 accident happened and when you got arrested and were  
21 transported to the jail that night, would you agree with  
22 me there?

23 A Yes, it was a pretty long time, yes, sir.

24 Q Okay. So it been testimony I think that it was about  
25 3:20 in the morning that your blood was drawn. It was

1 after that you taken to jail, wasn't it?

2 A I guess, I don't remember. It was a long time.

3 Q This happened just before midnight, so I just want to  
4 be clear in that three and a half hour period that you are  
5 in and out of conversations with -- and you don't remember  
6 who not with Trooper Minnix. You don't remember him at  
7 all. You in and out of conversations and you never told  
8 anybody. You didn't tell a soul about this 18 wheeler  
9 that was allegedly passing you that caused you not to see  
10 the car in front of you. You didn't share that  
11 information with anybody not in the three and a half years  
12 since this accident. You never told anybody about that  
13 until ten minutes ago in open court?

14 A How do you know? I was telling people that the whole  
15 time. People like my friends. I was telling people the  
16 whole time this is what happened. I even had told the  
17 lawyer I had before this what happened, that it was coming  
18 towards me. So you don't know who I told who because no  
19 one ever ask me ---

20 Q You right, I don't know what you told who. Did any  
21 of your friends, any of your friends, your relatives that  
22 you told this information did any them ever come forward  
23 and say wait a minute highway patrol y'all got it wrong.  
24 You guys have got it wrong. There's another part that  
25 plays in here that you not taking into account. My mama

1 or my sister when she was driving down 261 towards  
2 Manning, towards home, a big 18 wheeler was passing her.  
3 Y'all never asked her about that. I want to correct this  
4 story. That never happen, did it?

5 A Who is they? Who are you talking about? You are  
6 confusing me now who are you talking about?

7 Q The people that you told about this 18 wheeler?

8 A What people? I don't even -- is that after the  
9 accident?

10 Q I don't know what people you tell me?

11 A After the accident, I was home. Only people I talk  
12 the accident to was my immediate friends and my pastor.  
13 No one from the police department ever came and ask me any  
14 direct questions, well, Ms. Brown, what was in the road  
15 when you were passing or we was going home. No official  
16 have ever come to me and ask me anything so why should I  
17 offer something no one ever came to me and ask me.

18 Q They never came to you and asked you. And you never  
19 went to them and told them, did you?

20 A For what, I had an attorney. I had to speak to him  
21 who else I suppose to talk to.

22 Q For what? For what? They asked you about the blood  
23 draw. I just to make sure that I understand the story  
24 correct because you don't remember speaking to Trooper  
25 Minnix at all at the hospital or at all that evening. You

1 remember speaking to any other highway patrolman?

2 A At the hospital?

3 Q Yes, ma'am.

4 A No, like I say people was coming in and out  
5 everything was so busy. I was just shock. I was  
6 traumatize and stuff like that. I don't care -- I can't  
7 put faces to who. I cannot tell you how they look, what  
8 color their hair or anything like that. I cannot tell how  
9 they look, what color their hair or anything like that  
10 because it was just voices and things going -- moving  
11 around the room.

12 Q Okay. Well, I just want to be clear. Would you  
13 agree with me then though if you can't remember talking to  
14 the highway patrolman at the hospital, then obviously you  
15 can't remember telling a highway patrolman that you want  
16 an independent sample of your blood?

17 A I told it to the nurse that was taking my blood. She  
18 told me this. She told me this. They was standing around  
19 me. She was talk directly to me.

20 Q I understand that. I understand, but I just want to  
21 be sure we're clear. If you told it to a nurse and you  
22 don't remember speaking to highway patrol, then obviously  
23 you can't remember telling highway patrol that you wanted  
24 this independent sample?

25 A You telling me what I can't remember. I'm telling

1 you what I'm remembering.

2 Q Okay. I'm asking you do you remember telling a  
3 highway patrolman that you wanted an independent sample?

4 A I told the nurse that. She told me that I can have  
5 one. I told her that -- like I told you, I do not  
6 remember Minnix at all, but when we came to my front door  
7 after I came home from jail.

8 Q So the answer to my question is, no, you don't  
9 remember telling highway patrol you told the nurse?

10 A I don't remember telling the highway patrol, I  
11 remember telling the nurse.

12 Q Tell me about that conversation with the nurse again?

13 A Like I told you, they were asking me questions and  
14 questions and questions about blood. I was asking them  
15 can I see my daughter, why do I have to have blood drawn,  
16 I am not hurt. You don't see anything on me, anything  
17 like that. You see I had on a black jumper. It was  
18 spaghetti strap. You don't see anything on me can I just  
19 please see my daughter, so she can see what's going back  
20 here with me also. So that was the conversation about  
21 mainly about.

22 Q Okay. That was conversation with the nurse -- I  
23 think my question was about the specific point in the  
24 conversation that there was some discussion about an  
25 independent sample. Tell the jury when that came into

1 play?

2 A Okay, four years -- almost four years ago, let me try  
3 to remember this. I remember some people nurse, whatever  
4 ask me can she drawn some blood. At first I said, no, can  
5 I have my daughter in here with me. Then later on, later  
6 on she was like I don't how many times I left, I don't  
7 when it happened whatever, but someone say, well, you can  
8 have your own test and I say fine. That's the last I  
9 heard about blood or anything after that. I can't tell  
10 you any more. I can't make anything up. I'm telling you  
11 what you ask me and that's all I know.

12 Q Don't make anything up, but again -- so the response  
13 was when you were told that you can have a sample of your  
14 blood taken, you said fine?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q Is that right?

17 A Uh-huh.

18 Q Did you say anything else besides fine?

19 A No, because that's their procedure. I can't question  
20 their procedures, that's what they do, that's what they  
21 do.

22 Q So you didn't say, yeah, I want my own sample. I  
23 want to send it -- this doctor that I thrust or this  
24 laboratory. You just said -- and you don't remember who  
25 not highway a patrolman, a nurse. She said you can have

1 your own sample and you just said fine?

2 A This is the first time anyone ever offered me my own  
3 blood sample.

4 Q I understand that.

5 A This the only time. Usually, they just take the  
6 blood and go. She said I can have my own blood sample and  
7 I never seen it.

8 Q You just said fine?

9 A Yes, that's what she said.

10 Q Fine, okay, that's it?

11 A Yes. Yes. And after that I was in jail, so where I  
12 suppose to get the blood from.

13 Q You remember testifying earlier in court in this  
14 hearing or in this trial in a pretrial hearing. You  
15 remember that?

16 A Excuse me repeat that, sir?

17 Q Do you remember testifying in court earlier outside  
18 the jury's presence in a pretrial hearing in this case  
19 earlier this week, do you remember that?

20 A What day?

21 Q I think it was Tuesday, Tuesday morning same chair  
22 you're sitting in now.

23 A I don't remember Tuesday. So much going on in this  
24 courthouse, I don't remember Tuesday.

25 Q I was probably standing about right here asking you a

1 series of questions.

2 A Well, what was the question.

3 Q Well, the question that I asked you then was to tell  
4 me the entirety of your conversation with this nurse when  
5 you allege that you asked for an independent sample of  
6 your blood. You remember me asking you that question?

7 A You said on a Tuesday. I don't remember Tuesday. If  
8 we was in court now since Monday, it's Thursday. I don't  
9 remember it was Tuesday, Wednesday or Monday.

10 Q Oh, I understand that, but you hadn't had to do a  
11 whole lot of talking this trial. I done a whole lot, but  
12 but you can't remember what -- the on other time you been  
13 on that witness stand you can't remember what you said.  
14 Is that what you're telling me now?

15 A This is stressful, okay.

16 Q I understand that.

17 A I cannot remember everything under stress.

18 Q Here's the point, do you remember me asking you to  
19 tell me the entirety of that conversation and you said  
20 that the nurse told you to get a sample of your own blood  
21 and that you turn your head and said okay?

22 A Yeah, I said okay because like I say I don't like my  
23 blood drawn because I don't like to see my blood coming  
24 out of my body. So I was like okay. And she said you can  
25 have your own. I said fine. And after that I was -- the

1 next thing I know I was in jail or whatever. So I don't  
2 know what they did with the blood. They never gave it to  
3 me before I left the hospital. So how I suppose to know  
4 what they did with it.

5 Q That was the extent of the interaction with the nurse  
6 was you just turn your head and said okay fine. Not, yes,  
7 I do want that. Yes, I accept that offer just okay fine?

8 A They never came back and gave me the blood they say I  
9 was gone receive, so what I suppose to do run behind them  
10 to get it.

11 Q Wait a minute now. Wait a minute now. When you say  
12 you were going to receive it cause you just told me that  
13 the only conversation about that was when the nurse said  
14 you can have a sample and you turn your head and said  
15 okay.

16 A Yes.

17 Q So now you're saying there was another part where  
18 they said you can get the sample that you just requested?

19 A No, no, I said -- don't put words in my mouth. I  
20 said they said that I'm entitled to have my own  
21 independent blood test drawn. I said fine. I never seen  
22 anyone after that or heard any of that after a while.  
23 Next thing I know I was in jail, that's the only  
24 conversation we had about the blood that I can have my  
25 own. They had -- no one ever came to me and said, okay,

1 Tammy, here is your sample anything like that. They did  
2 they thing and they left.

3 Q I think we beat this horse to death pretty good, so  
4 let me move on. I just want to ask you just a couple  
5 quick questions before we go. You said that when you were  
6 describing this accident again, this 18 wheeler that was  
7 passing you that you never mention before today, was  
8 coming up the hill towards you. And you say something dim  
9 come out in front of you from the right side; is that  
10 right?

11 A Okay, like I said again, I was going home downhill.  
12 And I was going home downhill, an 18 wheeler was coming up  
13 hill going towards Paxville. So as it was coming towards  
14 this way right here, I got my contacts on trying not to  
15 look directly in the light cause contacts they give off a  
16 blur. So I'm just looking this way like this. And as  
17 soon the 18 wheeler actually pass me, I see the little dim  
18 the thing pull out like that. I said -- I looked a little  
19 bit I say what the hell like this and I did that. And my  
20 car just slid, airbags came out. I got threw backwards.  
21 I came up, I saw a bumper. And I got out my car. I  
22 looked around, I didn't see anything. I reached back in  
23 the car and I grab my cell phone. I call CiCi. Cici this  
24 is what happened come here and everything else went, you  
25 know.

1 Q Usually when you say dim it's used in the context ---

2 A Something blur.

3 Q You mean something blurry?

4 A Yeah, something blurry.

5 Q It was like light coming from it, it was jury blurry.

6 A It was like -- I couldn't make out what it was. It  
7 was like something -- like I say dim is dim. Blur is the  
8 same thing to me dim and blur.

9 Q And I think you told Mr. Barr that at that point you  
10 slam on breaks and you skid into a stop?

11 A I say what the hell like that and after a while, next  
12 thing I know -- at the time I didn't know that I was  
13 sliding or not. All I knew my airbags came out and it  
14 threw me back like this and I came up. I looked up and I  
15 saw like a little bump on my thing. I reach down for -- I  
16 loosen my seat belt. I came back up like this and I got  
17 out the car because I was itching the airbag was itching  
18 me. I was cuffing or whatever, got out looked around and  
19 see nothing. Later on, I went back in the car, grab my  
20 cell phone and call my daughter.

21 Q Okay. You remember being in court all week, I know  
22 it's been a long week, but remember that there was a video  
23 that's been shown to the jury and seen it a few times of a  
24 recording of you in a patrol car. You were taken from the  
25 hospital to the jail. Do you remember being in the patrol

1 car going to the jail?

2 A Not -- like I said not really. Thing was happening  
3 so fast, I really didn't know because the first time I  
4 seen that video, I know a video was taken of me when my  
5 former attorney showed it to me.

6 Q Okay. And coincidentally the officer you remember  
7 meeting with that night was driving a car taking you to  
8 the jail Trooper Minnix. But here's the question, so you  
9 told the jury that this 18 wheeler was coming, something  
10 blurry comes from the side. You slam on breaks. There's  
11 a collision. You skid to a stop.

12 A I mash my breaks and airbags came out and got thrown  
13 backwards came forward.

14 Q Do you remember saying -- telling the officers on the  
15 way to the jail that someone hit me several -- pull my car  
16 up something hit me several times. And then here's the  
17 kicker, at the 231 mark you said passing another car,  
18 going fast and hit me?

19 A You said do I remember?

20 Q You don't remember saying that?

21 A I don't remember until I seen the video. I don't  
22 remember anything. The only time I can actually say I  
23 seen that was when my former attorney showed it to me. I  
24 don't remember seeing that until I actually seen it.

25 Q Well, you remember now or you need to see the video

1 again?

2 A Yeah, I seen it, yeah. I was traumatize and I was --  
3 I was saying that something was coming towards me. I'm  
4 going to jail, so I'm just. You know, I'm just...

5 Q But you would agree with me that on the video you  
6 said they were passing another car?

7 A I was talking out my head. I was saying ---

8 MR. BARR: Your Honor, Your Honor, Your Honor,  
9 objection.

10 A That's the first time I seen that.

11 THE COURT: Hold on, hold on.

12 MR. BARR: If he wants to impeach the witness on  
13 a prior inconsistent statement, he have to let her see the  
14 statement and then ask whether or not the statement was  
15 made. This is improper impeachment.

16 THE COURT: I understand. And he offered to  
17 show her the statement and she said she remembered it?

18 A I said I remembered it when my former attorney -- I  
19 had never seen it before until my former attorney showed  
20 it to me the first time. I never seen it before in March.  
21 The first time I seen it was in March.

22 Q So that's what you told them? That's what passing --  
23 you've heard it now?

24 A Yeah, I heard it, yeah.

25 Q You've heard it and that's what you say is passing

1 another car?

2 A Yeah, Uh-huh.

3 Q And I know you say that you're traumatized, but you  
4 would agree with me that your memory as what happened was  
5 probably better three and a half years ago than it is  
6 today?

7 A That what you think?

8 Q Well, I'm asking you is that not the case? Do you  
9 remember better today than you -- a minute ago you said  
10 that you were having trouble remembering because it been  
11 four years?

12 A No, I said I remember bits and pieces of the  
13 accident. The only familiar thing that I know now I  
14 remember the accident -- the accident was so extreme who  
15 can forget something like that. I remember people and  
16 faces. I remember actions.

17 Q But now you do at this point remember because you  
18 seen the video this week you remember that you said that?

19 A I heard it. I heard it. I seen it and I heard it.  
20 I don't remember. I didn't actually see it until in  
21 March -- the first time I seen the video was in March in  
22 my former attorney's office.

23 Q But that's you?

24 A Yeah, that's me.

25 Q And that's you talking?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Okay. And I'm going to finish up here. But there's  
3 one more thing you said that you skidded to a stop. Do  
4 you remember saying towards the end of that video that  
5 someone hit me. They all hit me and I spun around.  
6 You remember saying I spun around?

7 A The video said I say that, I said that, okay, but  
8 like I said I was traumatized. I was talking and talking  
9 and talking trying to gather my thoughts because things  
10 was happening so fast.

11 Q Do you remember saying I spun around?

12 A Do I remember saying that to the officer in the car?

13 Q In the car?

14 A No, I don't remember saying that. The video said I  
15 said it, but I don't remember.

16 Q You don't remember it?

17 A No, no, you said do I remember. I said, no, I don't,  
18 but the video said I do.

19 Q All right.

20 (WHEREUPON, video played for the jury.)

21 A When I say spin around, I mean everything was  
22 spinning around like, you know, everything was just ---

23 Q Okay, that's what you mean because if your car is  
24 spinning around you agree with me that the would be  
25 inconsistent with your description of the accident as

1 given to Mr. Barr on direct examination?

2 A No, say that again? Say it again?

3 Q Would you agree with me that you told Mr. Barr  
4 something else? You didn't tell him or anybody at this  
5 point that your car spinned around?

6 A You see me in that video, I am traumatized. I was  
7 talking out my head. I was saying bits and pieces in that  
8 video right there.

9 Q I understand you are traumatized. This is a yes or  
10 no question. Do you agree with me that that's a different  
11 story than what you told earlier?

12 A Do I agree that that's a different story that I told  
13 earlier. What did I told earlier?

14 Q On the witness stand ten minutes ago?

15 A Be specific -- I tell a lot of stuff up here today.

16 Q All right. Let me rephrase that question, would you  
17 agree with me yes or no that you did not say earlier that  
18 you car spinned around?

19 A I said that when I was coming down the hill a truck  
20 was coming up the hill. Something turn in front of me.

21 Q But you did say you spinned around, did you?

22 A On the video, that's what they say I'm saying, but I  
23 don't remember telling no one that personally. I didn't  
24 even know I was being videotaped.

25 Q That's not my question. In court today, did you tell

1 this jury that you spinned around?

2 A I did not tell the jury I spinned around. I didn't.

3 MR. DURANT: Thank you. No further questions.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Barr, any further questions?

5 MR. BARR: No, sir, Judge.

6 THE COURT: All right. You can step down.

7 (WHEREUPON, the witness leaves the witness  
8 stand.)

9 THE COURT: You got any other witnesses, Mr.  
10 Barr?

11 MR. BARR: No, sir.

12 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, I need you to  
13 step to the jury room. I need to deal with a matter.  
14 I'll get you back in just a few minutes. Don't discuss  
15 the case.

16 (WHEREUPON, the jury retire to the jury room.)

17 THE COURT: Does the State have any reply  
18 witnesses?

19 MR. DURANT: No, sir, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Okay, Mr. Barr.

21 MR. BARR: Of course, let the record reflect  
22 that we renew our motion for previous motion regarding  
23 directed verdict.

24 THE COURT: I understand that motion is denied.  
25 There's sufficient evidence. My understanding is that

1 requested that the jury be taken to the scene; is that  
2 correct?

3 MR. BARR: Visual inspection, yes.

4 THE COURT: All right. I have someone here the  
5 van is going to take them. I propose to bring them out  
6 here and discuss with them the perimeters of that visual.  
7 And that they can't talk about this case because there  
8 because it's just like they in the jury room. They can't  
9 form or express an opinion with each other yet. And that  
10 no one will talk to them. Come on in. This officer is  
11 going to drive the van. And at least from my knowledge of  
12 this roll, my understanding you want them to be coming in  
13 the same direction that your client coming in from  
14 Paxville back toward Manning.

15 MR. BARR: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: You want -- did you still want them  
17 to stop at Boyd Road?

18 MR. BARR: Yes, sir.

19 THE COURT: After they stop at Boyd Road, where  
20 do you want them to go?

21 MR. BARR: Come back to Manning.

22 THE COURT: Okay. And I propose that he drive  
23 to the top of the hill to the church. The same way the  
24 trooper -- it's the safest place to turn around.

25 MR. BARR: It is.

1 THE COURT: And then turn and come back down  
2 those two hills, stop Boyd Road.

3 MR. BARR: Now, they got a chain up across the  
4 gate at the church.

5 THE COURT: Right. You can't turn in there.

6 MR. BARR: So you not gone be able to turn  
7 around in there. He probably going to have to go down to  
8 the school.

9 THE COURT: You understand what he's talking. I  
10 just need you to turn safely and then head back down the  
11 hill and pull over to Boyd Road and stop.

12 OFFICER: I'll have a vehicle behind, so I can  
13 get him to stop traffic.

14 THE COURT: That be good. You can't tell the  
15 jury anything as far as this case is concern. You can  
16 have a conversation about the weather and anything else,  
17 that's one thing. I'll tell them that and then I need you  
18 just to bring them back to this courtroom. The whole  
19 thing should take very long at all. Now, I propose to  
20 bring the jury out and explain to them what we're fixing  
21 to do. You got any objection?

22 MR. DURANT: Your Honor, I don't. I understand  
23 it's discretionary. I guess, because there's such --  
24 there's so much evidence in the case including a drive  
25 through video, Judge. I would ask you to note that the

1 defense is requesting that they visit the incident scene.

2 THE COURT: Okay. You got any objection to  
3 that, Mr. Barr?

4 MR. BARR: No, sir.

5 THE COURT: Mr. Barr, I was just told that there  
6 is a memorial cross at the scene of where the truck was.  
7 I wanted you to be aware of that.

8 MR. BARR: I thought about it, Judge, and I  
9 thought about whether or not what that would actually do,  
10 but I'm prepared to accept the consequences of it. They  
11 have the cross, they even got the man's name on it.

12 THE COURT: Okay. I was not aware of that. The  
13 officer knew that. I just want to let you know the  
14 officer told me.

15 MR. BARR: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Bring me the jury. And I propose to  
17 send them home after that.

18 (WHEREUPON, the jury came into open court.)

19 THE COURT: Okay, ladies and gentlemen, you have  
20 heard all of the evidence that you are going to hear in  
21 this case. The defense counsel has asked that you go see  
22 the scene yourself. I have got a deputy and a van.  
23 They're going to take you to the scene. Simply drive you  
24 through the process. You will be the only ones there and  
25 the officer. You can't discuss this case among you.

1 Especially your opinions. You're simply to observe. No  
2 one will say anything to you because it's not on the  
3 record. The court reporter won't be there. So there'll  
4 be no evidence or testimony given to you in this scene.  
5 You will simply be driven out there toward Paxville for a  
6 safe place the officer can turn and around come back down  
7 through this scene, stop at Boyd Road for a few minutes,  
8 then bring you back to Manning. It should not take very  
9 long. And as I say, you can't ask any questions of the  
10 driver. He doesn't know anything. And you can't talk  
11 about what you saw. This is simply to observe the  
12 physical scene yourself. When you get back, I will send  
13 you home for the evening. We'll be back at 9:30 in the  
14 morning to finish this case, okay. If you all will follow  
15 those instructions, I'll see you back here in a few  
16 minutes.

17 (WHEREUPON, the jury is excused to go view the  
18 scene.)

19 THE COURT: We'll take a recess until they get.  
20 Do you have any problems that I need to deal with outside  
21 of this case?

22 MR. DURANT: No, sir, Your Honor.

23 MR. BARR: No, sir.

24 THE COURT: We'll will be in recess until the  
25 jury gets back.

1 (WHEREUPON, a break was taken.)

2 THE COURT: I understand the jury is back, Mr.  
3 Barr. I'm going to let them go and bring them back at  
4 9:30. Is that your understanding?

5 MR. BARR: Sir?

6 THE COURT: I'm bringing the jury in and  
7 excusing them until 9:30 in the morning.

8 MR. BARR: Okay.

9 THE COURT: And if y'all have any particular  
10 charges you want me to deal with, you need to get them  
11 together tonight, and we'll talk about them first thing in  
12 the morning. I'll be here by 9:15 where we can go over  
13 it. Bring them out.

14 (WHEREUPON, the jury came into open court.)

15 THE COURT: Okay, ladies and gentlemen, you've  
16 heard all the evidence you going to hear in this case.  
17 It's five o'clock. We not going to stay the night and  
18 finish it, but we may be here all night. I'm going to  
19 send you all home. And ask you to be back at 9:30 in the  
20 morning. In the morning, the lawyers will do their  
21 closing arguments to you. I will charge you on the law  
22 and give you this case to decide. Don't talk about this  
23 case, don't read anything about this case. Don't do any  
24 research. Don't talk to anybody in the family. Tomorrow  
25 night you can tell anybody you want to about this case,

1 but tonight you got to keep it to yourselves. I'll see  
2 you at 9:30. If you have an emergency, please call us. I  
3 hope you have a good evening. Thank you.

4 (WHEREUPON, the jury was excused for the day.)

5 THE COURT: Okay. I'll see you all in the  
6 morning. I'll be here about nine or 9:15. Thank you.  
7 See you in the morning.

8 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings were concluded for  
9 the day to be reconvened on May 18, 2018.)

10 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

11 MR. DURANT: Judge, we certainly can handle  
12 whatever business, Your Honor, intend to handle first, but  
13 I was going to address the order of arguments.

14 THE COURT: Okay.

15 MR. DURANT: It's my understanding under State  
16 vs. Beatty and the new opinion that's been issued as well  
17 as the old opinion that the law in South Carolina is now  
18 that if the defense request it in any -- in such cases  
19 when the defense puts up evidence, the State has the right  
20 to last closing. The defense can request or require the  
21 State to open fully on the facts and the law and then be  
22 limited to a reply following the defendant's argument. Of  
23 course, again it is my understanding that's upon the  
24 defendant request. I just ask, Your Honor, to just defer  
25 to Mr. Barr just give the State an indication of the order

1 of argument.

2 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Barr, you want to  
3 address that?

4 MR. BARR: Okay. I made a request I thought I  
5 did.

6 THE COURT: All right. The question now is he  
7 opening in full?

8 MR. BARR: Sir?

9 THE COURT: Are you requesting now that the  
10 State open in full?

11 MR. BARR: I'm requesting they open in full,  
12 Judge.

13 THE COURT: On the law and the facts?

14 MR. BARR: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: Then you will present your closing  
16 argument and then the State has a right to reply any new  
17 thing you bring up. That's my understanding. You all  
18 agree with that?

19 MR. BARR: Yes, sir.

20 THE COURT: Okay. Now, on your charges, the  
21 first charge you requested the statute my understanding  
22 56-5-40. Is that you have there?

23 MR. BARR: Yes, sir.

24 THE COURT: That deals with the atomic energy  
25 commission in Allendale, Aiken and Barnwell. What is that

1 got to do with this case?

2 MR. BARR: What now?

3 THE COURT: 56-5-40 is applicable to the charge  
4 on the atomic energy commission land.

5 MR. BARR: Judge, that must be an error.

6 THE COURT: Okay. You know since the charges  
7 has numbers I want to be sure we are on the same page as  
8 far as -- and the next charge is 56-5-580 the right of  
9 way. And the next one is 56-5-2320, which is vehicle  
10 turning left and then 2350 is the vehicle entering the  
11 roadway.

12 MR. BARR: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: Okay. And then I guess the next one  
14 is 2953 which is a video recording. Does the State want  
15 to respond to that?

16 MR. DURANT: Your Honor, the video recording  
17 requirements?

18 THE COURT: Yes, that's the statute he's asking.

19 MR. DURANT: Your Honor, I thought we had come  
20 to an understanding back in chambers that, Your Honor,  
21 wasn't going to charge the implied consent law or the  
22 video, I guess, the video taping requirement maybe  
23 separate. Your Honor, I've already ruled on that and  
24 that's a legal. That's a question of law for Your Honor  
25 decide. As, Your Honor, is already ruled on it, I think

1 it would be inappropriate to charge to the jury which  
2 suggest to the jury that they have to make a determination  
3 as to whether or not that statute was complied with.

4 THE COURT: Okay. That is not a jury issue.  
5 Once I rule, but I will continue to look at this case and  
6 let you all know right before I charge. I don't think  
7 that is a jury issue.

8 MR. DURANT: Judge, I guess respectfully I would  
9 request a final ruling from Your Honor before closing  
10 arguments, so I can address the matter appropriately in my  
11 argument if it is going to be charged.

12 THE COURT: Okay. My ruling is it's not a jury  
13 issue and I won't charge it. But I'll charge right away  
14 vehicle, turning left in the vehicle and in the roadway  
15 and then other stuff we discussed. All right. Anything  
16 else?

17 MR. DURANT: Not from the State, Your Honor.

18 MR. BARR: No, sir.

19 THE COURT: All right, bring me the jury.

20 (WHEREUPON, the jury came into open court.)

21 THE COURT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

22 We've now reach this point of the trial as I told you  
23 yesterday you've heard all the evidence. The attorneys  
24 will get up and make their closing argument to you. And  
25 I'm going to charge you on the law that applies to this

1 case and give you this case to decide. So if you'll pay  
2 close attention, the attorneys will make their closing  
3 argument.

4 Mr. Solicitor.

5 MR. DURANT: Thank you, Your Honor. May it  
6 please the Court.

7 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

8 MR. DURANT: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury,  
9 good morning. First of all, thank you. Thank you for  
10 your time, for your patience and your attentiveness this  
11 week. Mr. Barr said in his opening statements that the  
12 State shouldn't make promises they can't keep. I think he  
13 was talking about the evidence that I told you would be  
14 admitted in this trial. And I submit to you that if you  
15 heard all that evidence -- but I did make a promise to you  
16 or made a statement to you I didn't keep this week and I  
17 told you this case was going to last about three days.  
18 And we been here for five, so I'm sorry. I apologize to  
19 y'all for that. I know we took you away from your other  
20 responsibilities from your families, from a 100 other  
21 things you probably rather be doing than sitting here  
22 listening to me. But this is an important case and I  
23 appreciate y'all for being here and being so attentive  
24 throughout this course of this trial.

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1     stepfather, brother, a fiance, loved ones. These are real  
2     people whose lives were taken or dramatically altered  
3     permanently on a highway that happen in South Carolina in  
4     Clarendon County back on August 30th of 2014 in a traffic  
5     accident. And I say accident and I use the word accident  
6     throughout the course of this trial and the officer use  
7     the word accident. This may come as a bit of surprise to  
8     you, but we are not of the position -- it is not our  
9     position that Tammy Dianne Brown intentionally killed or  
10    injured anyone that evening. Nobody here believed she  
11    meant to do it. That's not an element of this case.  
12    That's why we're here. We're not because she meant to do  
13    it, that's not something the State has to prove. We are  
14    here because of the decisions that she made. We are here  
15    because of reckless acts, which claim the life of a  
16    39-year-old man and permanent disabled a 36 year old.

17             The defense wants to turn into something else.  
18    They want talk about videotaping requirements and search  
19    warrants, affidavits and checks on a form and independent  
20    samples. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, that's meant  
21    all meant to distract you, that's muddy the waters. And  
22    they're important like I told you at the outset, this was  
23    going to take little a while because the defendant has  
24    important rights that have to protected by court, by the  
25    judge. They are important legal questions.

1           Mr. Barr mention to you and during his  
2 examination of one of the witnesses that there was a  
3 suppression hearing outside of your presence before the  
4 judge where they had testimony taken. The legal questions  
5 have to be answered, but they're not for me or Mr. Barr or  
6 for you to answer. They're for the, Judge.

7           I told you at the outset that Judge Cothran --  
8 if I say anything that contradict what Judge Cothran says,  
9 disregard what I say and apply the law as you get it from  
10 Judge Cothran because he is the gatekeeper. He is the  
11 sole judge of the law. He has the duty and the great  
12 burden and responsibility of ruling on the admissibility  
13 of evidence. And that would be the remedy, there be a  
14 violation. The evidence wouldn't come in. Judge Cothran  
15 has heard the testimony and it was his job to rule on the  
16 admissibility of evidence as to what evidence you get to  
17 hear and the evidence before you has been ruled  
18 admissible, that's why you got to hear it. You are not  
19 the judge of the. It's not your job determine these legal  
20 -- the answers to these legal questions, but you serve a  
21 very important rule. You're the judge of the facts.  
22 Collectively as a group, you all are the judges of the  
23 facts in this case. That's your burden, your  
24 responsibility. You're the judge of the facts in this  
25 case. The facts of what happened on that highway and

1 before that. That's what this case is about.

2 This case is about what happened Highway 261  
3 back on August 30th of 2014 and what happen before it  
4 when Tammy Dianne Brown went to a party and was drinking  
5 and made the decision to get behind wheel of her  
6 automobile and drive home. That's what this case is  
7 about. Don't be distracted. Don't be distracted from  
8 your job.

9 In a little while we're going to -- after I  
10 finish speaking to you, Mr. Barr speaks to you and Judge  
11 Cothran charges you on the law of this case. You're going  
12 to be sent to the jury room with a verdict form. You are  
13 going to be asked to deliberate about this case and come  
14 to a unanimous verdict. A verdict of guilty or not  
15 guilty. It is simple as that. Verdict comes from a Latin  
16 word which means veredictum, which means to speak the  
17 truth, to speak the truth in this case. Make no mistake  
18 about it that's what I'm going to ask you to do is to  
19 render a verdict that speaks the truth.

20 So let's just review the evidence. Where is the  
21 truth in this case, what have we learned to be true in  
22 this case. One, I submit to you we have learned to be is  
23 that Tammy Dianne Brown was drinking and driving that  
24 night. She was drinking and driving that night. The  
25 officer smelled it on her as soon as they approached her.

1 She admitted to you she had two drinks. Now, ladies and  
2 gentlemen of the jury, she admitted it to Trooper Minnix  
3 in the back of that ambulance, even though she denies  
4 talking to him. She said I don't remember him. She  
5 denies talking to him or don't remember him along with  
6 incidentally a lot of other things that night she doesn't  
7 remember. Even though she denies talking to him or don't  
8 remember talking to him, somehow he got her story.

9           Somehow he learned from her that she had these  
10 two wine coolers. And he testified that she said two  
11 tequila shots first and changed it to two wine coolers.  
12 And by the way, he noted that in his handwritten notes  
13 from August 30th of 2014, from the middle of the night and  
14 his handwritten notes, he noted that she told him tequila  
15 shots and then changed it to wine coolers. He got that  
16 information from her. She denies talking him. He got  
17 that information from her. And there was an open  
18 container in her car. But she would have you believe that  
19 even though Trooper Minnix somehow he got that information  
20 from her about the two wine coolers and he accurately  
21 recorded that limited it to two. He didn't say she told  
22 me it was four or six. He said it was two, she said two  
23 wine coolers, that's what he wrote down, that's what he  
24 told you all.

25           She would have you believe that even though he

1 got that story, that part of the story straight that he  
2 just made up the part about her admitting taking a drink  
3 for the road. I can't even believe he just made that up.  
4 She said it was a cup of ice. She would have never told  
5 anybody it was drink for the road. It was just a cup of  
6 ice. You heard from Trooper Minnix he smelled it.  
7 There's a big difference between ice and a wine cooler.  
8 You don't have to be an expert. You all can make that  
9 determination. Trooper Minnix smelled it said it's  
10 alcohol. And then what happened after that two officers  
11 Dubose and Ridgeway, the MAIT guy, with a combined 35  
12 years experience they smelled it too and both said that's  
13 alcohol. She had an open container of alcohol in the car  
14 with her. She denies it, but they just made that part up.

15 Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, we know to be  
16 true that she was drinking and driving that night. What  
17 else we learned in this case, we learn she was heavily  
18 intoxicated. That she was highly impaired that evening.  
19 I submit to you the first evidence of that is her  
20 demeanor. That's testified to by the two troopers Dubose  
21 and Minnix. They talk to you about the demeanor at the  
22 scene, in the hospital. She was agitated and belligerent  
23 one minute. And she told you she was mad. She said she  
24 was mad, that was her first response she was mad after  
25 this accident. So she's agitated. She's belligerent.

1 She's mad one minute and then she's emotional the next.  
2 You got a video of her that shows her demeanor from the  
3 hospital to the jail. Ladies and gentlemen, I submit to  
4 you that's evidence of her demeanor of her impairment.  
5 Watch the video again.

6 And how else do we know that she was highly  
7 impair that night a blood sample. And while we're on the  
8 subject, I don't know how the check mark got there. I  
9 don't know I wasn't there. I don't know how the check  
10 mark got on that form, but what I do know is that  
11 everybody that was in the room Dubose, Minnix, and the  
12 nurse all say that she didn't request it. Anybody that  
13 remembers being in the room says she didn't request it.  
14 She got on the stand and said she doesn't remember who was  
15 there. She didn't even remember talking to the officers,  
16 but everybody that was there says that she didn't request  
17 an independent sample.

18 Ladies and gentlemen, I submit to you that  
19 according to her own testimony, according to the words  
20 that came out of Tammy Brown's mouth when she was sitting  
21 in this chair, she didn't request it. I asked her I  
22 wanted to be sure give us the details of this  
23 conversation. And she was very clear that when the nurse  
24 was sticking the needle in her arm, not to an officer, not  
25 to anybody else. The nurse was getting ready to stick a

1 needle in her arm, that it was mention to her that she can  
2 get her own sample and her only response was to turn her  
3 head and say okay. That's what she said. That's how she  
4 told you that she requested independent sample. She was  
5 told as the nurse was getting ready to put the needle in  
6 her arm that she get one. And she turned her head and  
7 said okay. That's it. Is that clear and unequivocal  
8 request for a sample, certainly not. Not when she been  
9 there for three and a half hours and been read those  
10 rights hours before and never mentioned it.

11 And by the way, didn't tell an officer according  
12 to her own testimony. She denies even speaking with  
13 highway patrol that night. She doesn't remember it. If  
14 she can't remember talking to them, then obviously she  
15 doesn't remember telling them that she wanted this  
16 additional sample. But here's the kicker, even if she  
17 did, even if she requested the sample, the officers did  
18 everything they were suppose to do. Even if she requested  
19 it, they did everything the law requires them to do. She  
20 was at the hospital. Her blood was drawn. And it was  
21 sent to SLED. The experts two vials of blood sent to the  
22 experts at SLED. And Mr. Barr questioning witnesses about  
23 why they didn't make these certain tests and sending it to  
24 SLED to be tested. Why do you send a cup to SLED to be  
25 tested. That's where the experts are. They can do some

1     amazing things. They can do some serious stuff. SLED can  
2     do some serious stuff.

3             And guess what, ladies and gentlemen, they took  
4     her blood in that hospital. They went to painstaking  
5     measures to ensure -- and I know that testimony was kind  
6     of dry. They had to carry all that chain of custody  
7     testimony. They went to painstaking measures to ensure  
8     the integrity of that sample, to ensure that it wasn't  
9     tampered with in the hospital, to highway patrol, to SLED.  
10    It was sealed once, twice, three, four times before it was  
11    ever tested. None of the seals had been broken. They  
12    went to all these lengths to ensure the integrity of that  
13    sample. Then it was tested by three individuals, three  
14    chemist at SLED to ensure the accuracy of those results.  
15    Verified all three of them.

16            It was determine that her blood alcohol  
17    concentration was .210. That's how we know she was too  
18    impaired. She was intoxicated, too impaired to drive.  
19    .210 blood alcohol concentration. You're going to hear in  
20    just a little while that when the judge charges you on the  
21    law, that there's an inference in South Carolina we prefer  
22    to this as the legal limit as .08. After that, there's an  
23    inference that if your blood alcohol concentration is over  
24    .08, then it's inferred that you're under the influence.  
25    You are too impaired to drive at that point. That's what

1 Dr. Grambow talked to you about. He said between .05 and  
2 .08 you begin to get too impaired to safely operate an  
3 automobile.

4 And you heard about his training and experience  
5 and all the conferences and all the teaching and the study  
6 that he's done between that range .05, .08 you begin to  
7 get too intoxicated, too impaired to drive. Her blood  
8 alcohol concentration is verified by three chemist was  
9 .21, that's two and half times .08, two and a half times  
10 the legal limit. He talked to you about the affects that  
11 expect to see on a person as consuming alcohol about how  
12 they're processing their reaction time to be significantly  
13 affected and delay, how they would have difficulty  
14 maintaining concentration. Doesn't that sound familiar.  
15 Difficulty maintaining concentration. He said that would  
16 be a result and affect of alcohol on a person. That sound  
17 familiar difficulty maintaining concentration as Ms. Brown  
18 relay to you back her recollection of that evening. He  
19 said .21 the impairment has increase by vast amounts. He  
20 said .08 that's when you begin to get too impaired to  
21 drive. At .21 that impairment has increased by vast  
22 amounts, that was his testimony.

23 And then when was that sample taken -- that  
24 blood sample that you had a blood alcohol concentration of  
25 .21. By the way, you heard testimony that sample was

1 taken at 3:21 a.m. You all know from your experience,  
2 from your common sense, your knowledge that blood -- the  
3 expert testified to that blood dissipates, the alcohol  
4 metabolizes three and half hours later is when the blood  
5 sample was taken. And the end resulted in .21. Her blood  
6 alcohol concentration when she was driving this vehicle,  
7 when she got in the wreck that night was likely  
8 significantly higher than .21. .21 was three and a half  
9 hours later at 3:21 that's when her blood was drawn. Does  
10 that sound to you like somebody that had only two wine  
11 coolers and a cup of ice.

12           And I submit to you that we have evidence of her  
13 impairment for intoxication from her testimony itself from  
14 Tammy Brown's own testimony in which couldn't remember a  
15 whole lot. I submit to you to listen to her testimony.  
16 It is evident that she was black out drunk that evening.  
17 Let's remember I think she told you, she testified to  
18 everything was going so fast. She was in and out, had  
19 trouble maintaining concentration in and out, doesn't  
20 remember faces, who she talk to. She doesn't even Trooper  
21 Minnix who was a very identifiable person. He filled out  
22 that box, doesn't even remember him after spending three  
23 and a half hours with him that night. She didn't remember  
24 him. She simply didn't remember talking to him.

25           Everything was going to fast she was in and out.

1 Didn't remember faces or who she talked to truck came out  
2 of nowhere. It was a blur. They're dim. Some dim object  
3 came out of nowhere with a blur, didn't even know what she  
4 hit. Didn't even know what she hit, that's what she  
5 testified to. Ladies and gentlemen, that's a testimony  
6 that somebody who was blacked out drunk. She didn't have  
7 a memory of what happened that evening because she was so  
8 drunk. She was too drunk to remember what happened that  
9 evening. Listening to her, watching the video, the  
10 officer's testimony, she was heavily intoxicated, highly  
11 impaired that evening. You learn that to be true in this  
12 case. What else we learn to be true and that's this  
13 accident was cause by her actions.

14           You heard from the Lance Corporal Ridgeway of  
15 the MAIT team who is according to his qualifications he's  
16 one of the foremost experts in South Carolina in accident  
17 reconstruction. Of all the MAIT guys in South Carolina,  
18 he's one of six that's been selected to serve on this  
19 emergency response team. So if there's a collision of  
20 high interest, then he's one six that comes off these  
21 other teams that go. He's the all star that goes and  
22 investigates these accidents. And he was assign to  
23 investigate this one. He told you that he immediately  
24 impaired -- that the black pickup truck had been struck  
25 from the rear at a great deal of speed. The speed was a

1 major factor. And then he went through all his  
2 qualifications. And I know that testimony was dry as well  
3 and kind of listening to him and trying to explain his  
4 methodology. That's why we ask questions and understand  
5 appropriately that, but I want you to see the measures,  
6 the lengths that they go to ensure the integrity, the  
7 accuracy of his calculations.

8           And the end result is that he testified that at  
9 the point -- and by the way this is before we get to where  
10 the car is coming from. We're not even there. At the  
11 point of impact between Home Branch and Boyd Road at the  
12 point of impact in the middle of that 45 mile per hour  
13 zone at the point of impact, Ms. Brown is traveling 55.92  
14 miles an hour. And you can say, well, that's  
15 conservative. I said 56. He said, no, no, it's 55. It  
16 is 55 we don't round up. And he went through all the  
17 steps in the process and about how everything is in her  
18 favor. The assumptions that they make are in her favor.  
19 They give her the benefit of the doubt of all these steps  
20 in the process.

21           He testified that backs up from there and that  
22 her speed in 55.9 miles an hour is after she locked up the  
23 breaks. That's after some period of time the skid marks  
24 that you saw, after she locked up the breaks. 64.67 miles  
25 per hour is how fast she was going before she hit the

1 breaks in a 45 mile per hour zone. 20 miles an hour over  
2 the speed limit, at least he said. I think of actually  
3 his quote a bare minimum of 64.67 miles per hour at a bare  
4 minimum. He testified as to the damage that was caused  
5 that was immediately apparent to him when we got to the  
6 scene that the black pickup truck had been struck in the  
7 rear with a great deal of force and a great deal of speed.  
8 He testified that usually when I see that type of impact,  
9 the occupants of the vehicle that was struck from behind  
10 are deceased. That fatality occurs at the point of impact  
11 based on his experiences, 19 years experience. That's  
12 when death occurs at the point of impact when struck in  
13 the rear or that much force to bend that frame 90 degrees,  
14 bend the frame of a pickup truck 90 degrees.

15 But what is the only witness say about the  
16 accident. What is the only witness as Mr. Barr said, it  
17 was only one witness and I submit to you that this would  
18 have been the only witness that survived and has the  
19 ability to communicate about what happen, but what is the  
20 only witness' theory as to what happened, what is her  
21 story. I thought it was interesting when Mr. Ridgeway was  
22 being questioned by Mr. Barr, at some point the comment  
23 was made by Mr. Barr that he been working on this thing,  
24 that I been working on this thing and I think I finally  
25 figured it out. I been working on this thing and I think

1 I finally figured it out. He had. He been trying to  
2 figure it out how it happened, trying to come up with a  
3 theory to explain what happened.

4 Ladies and gentlemen, and then he told you that  
5 she would get on the stand and say that the vehicle was  
6 coming from the right side of the road and pulled out in  
7 front of her. If that's her story, if that's her story,  
8 it's certainly significant different than the story she  
9 told that night. That story has changed significantly.  
10 That's not the same story that night. She said that car  
11 was passing another car going fast and hit her, kept  
12 saying over and over again. You can listen -- you can  
13 watch the video, that's all in evidence. You can take  
14 back to the jury room with you. That car was going  
15 passing another car and going fast and hit me. She didn't  
16 mention anything about the car coming from the right side.  
17 Didn't mention anything about an 18 wheeler passing  
18 another car, going fast and hit me. That's her story.  
19 And that's significantly different than the story that her  
20 and Mr. Barr came up with in trial. She's all over the  
21 place.

22 She says in the video that she was -- after they  
23 hit her, she spinned around. She spun around. It is not  
24 what she said on the witness stand. Passing another car  
25 going fast, hit her and she spun around. That is a

1 different story. And so what do we know to be true is  
2 that in one of these instances either what she said that  
3 night or what she said in court. One of them is not true.  
4 So we know also to be true is the Tammy Dianne Brown has  
5 lied about this incident at some point. She lied about  
6 what happened. Either that night or this witness stand  
7 she lied. I don't know which one. You don't know which  
8 one, but what our concern to is that Tammy Brown is a  
9 liar, is that she's lied about what happened. Why we make  
10 up a false story, why do we make up a what we call an  
11 exculpatory story, a story to try to get us out of  
12 something. We do that because we're conscious of our  
13 guilt because we are aware of our guilt. That's why we  
14 make up a story and try to get out of something. She is  
15 all over the place. They're countless inconsistencies in  
16 her story. She hadn't told the same story twice. What  
17 about that 18 wheeler. That 18 wheeler that she said that  
18 was -- had the bright lights on. She couldn't see. The  
19 first time you heard her confirm to me that the first time  
20 she had ever told that story was here in court. She said  
21 she told her family at some point, but she had never told  
22 the officer -- she didn't even remember meeting with the  
23 officer. And I tried to get to the bottom of that, well,  
24 why didn't you tell them. Said, well, they didn't ask me  
25 the right questions. Didn't ask her the right questions

1 about that story. The first time she ever told highway  
2 patrol in the three and a half years that this case has  
3 been pending was in courts. That's the first time anybody  
4 has every heard about an 18 wheeler. She make that up for  
5 trial.

6 Ladies and gentlemen, her story doesn't fit the  
7 evidence. It doesn't fit the evidence. You heard  
8 Corporal Ridgeway was being cross-examined as to these  
9 different theories as to how, what if, the vehicle was  
10 coming from Boyd Road -- and by the way that was the first  
11 theory when Corporal Minnix was on the stand and that's  
12 been a long time, that was Tuesday I think when Corporal  
13 Minnix was on the stand. The first theory was how do you  
14 know the vehicle didn't come from Boyd Road. Well, then  
15 after we establish that the point impact was before you  
16 get to Boyd Road between Home Branch and Boyd Road, well,  
17 now the theory is that it was coming from this private  
18 drive to get to the electrical box over there. How do you  
19 know he wasn't pulling out from that private driveway at  
20 12 a.m.

21 Corporal Minnix told you -- Corporal Ridgeway  
22 rather says that doesn't fit the evidence. He said -- his  
23 exact words, well, that didn't fit the dynamics of this  
24 collision. He said several times as he was being asked to  
25 address these potentials as to whether or not these things

1     could happen. He said several times. You don't want that  
2     to happen, that wouldn't be good for your client. You  
3     don't want that to be true. I have given her the benefit.  
4     He said very clearly that Home Branch Road -- that the  
5     vehicle was coming from Home Branch Road. There's  
6     evidence in the record that that's where they were that  
7     night. It was a party. There was cookout going on. You  
8     heard that there was family members at the scene of the  
9     accident that spoke with highway patrol. They were coming  
10    from Home Branch Road, but Lance Corporal Ridgeway said  
11    that Home Branch Road is her best case scenario. Those  
12    were his word not mine. His said her best case scenario  
13    is that they were coming from Home Branch Road. And why  
14    is that. Because if they pulled out in front of her from  
15    the right side of the road, it means they were going  
16    slower, they hadn't had that period of time to gain speed  
17    as they would have to get to the point of impact from Home  
18    Branch Road. What that means is that they're going  
19    slower. That the victim's vehicle by the pickup truck is  
20    going slower at the point of impact. And you heard very  
21    clearly from Officer Ridgeway that the slower the victim's  
22    vehicle is going based on the degree of force, the impact  
23    that he measured to those vehicles and the re-enforce and  
24    he does those numbers and based upon all that, the slower  
25    they're, the faster she's got to be going.

1           So if her story is to be believed and that's  
2 what he said 64.67 is the bare minimum. If her story is  
3 to be believed that they pulled out on her and pulling of  
4 the road and they're going slower, that she's going  
5 significantly faster. He told you if they're zero miles  
6 per hour, which essentially they would be doing if they  
7 had come out from that driveway and square the vehicle and  
8 from that point of impact, they are going very slowly. He  
9 said they're going zero, she's driving 98 miles an hour  
10 because that damage -- that's a force upon that pickup  
11 truck, 98 miles an hour times zero. He best case scenario  
12 Home Branch, it's supported by the evidence, but her  
13 theory, under her theory she was driving recklessly at 90  
14 miles an hour, with a .21 blood alcohol level, vast  
15 impairment, significantly impaired her decision making,  
16 her reaction times, significantly impaired driving that  
17 fast in the middle of the night on Highway 261.

18           Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, Officer  
19 Ridgeway was very clear, I asked him specifically I said  
20 is there any evidence, is there any evidence that the  
21 driver of the black pickup truck failed to yield the right  
22 of way to Ms. Brown and he said unequivocally no there is  
23 not. There is no evidence from this expert, that's what  
24 he said on this witness stand unequivocally is there any  
25 evidence the driver of that black pickup truck failed to

1 yield the right of way to Ms. Brown. He said, no, there  
2 is not. Would the black pickup truck had been able to see  
3 Ms. Brown from the time they pulled out from Boyd Road.  
4 They would not have coming from Home Branch Road. They  
5 would not have. I ask if she had not been speeding would  
6 this accident had occurred. And what did he say. She  
7 wouldn't have even had to hit the breaks. She wouldn't  
8 even had to hit the breaks, she hadn't been speeding.  
9 Evidently you have heard all this and I submit to you  
10 these are things that we have learned to be true in this  
11 case. A few minutes you're going to be sent back a  
12 verdict to the jury room to render a verdict. And I would  
13 just charge that to render a verdict in this case that  
14 speaks the truth. The truth is that Tammy Dianne Brown is  
15 guilty of felony DUI driving under the influence. Thank  
16 you.

17 THE COURT: Mr. Barr.

18 MR. BARR: Please the Court, Judge.

19 Mr. Solicitor, madam forelady and ladies and gentlemen of  
20 the jury, I certainly want to begin by thanking you again  
21 for your service, that is your jury service. A lot times  
22 when get people get a summons to come for jury service  
23 they find all kind of other things to do. Sometimes they  
24 make all kinds of excuses, so that they don't have to show  
25 up for jury service. But on behalf of the judicial

1 system, on behalf of Ms. Brown, we certainly thank you for  
2 honoring your requirement to come to jury service.

3 Now, I certainly hope that from a civic  
4 standpoint that something has occurred in this trial  
5 whereby you would learned something that you otherwise  
6 would not have known as a result of being in this trial.  
7 Now, you know, while I'm thinking about it, I heard the  
8 Solicitor say that, well, Mr. Barr told you in his opening  
9 statement that don't make promises to a jury that you  
10 can't keep. And if I remember correctly, I said that  
11 because the Solicitor was talking about what the evidence  
12 intended to show. Now, while I'm thinking about -- let me  
13 just tell you his honor is going to charge you -- and then  
14 sometimes you will have to make a decision not so much  
15 based on the evidence that's presented, but the evidence  
16 that should have been presented and was not presented.  
17 And I think in this case you will find that what's in  
18 evidence that should have presented -- if the prosecutors  
19 want you to find Ms. Brown guilty of driving under the  
20 influence and which is felony DUI and felon DUI involving  
21 great injury, then they should have presented the evidence  
22 to establish it. And to establish it to you by a standard  
23 beyond a reasonable doubt.

24 Now, I am tempted, I am tempted to go down this  
25 trail that the Solicitor set some bread crumbs out and

1     seem to be enticing me to go down, that is to get into  
2     this business of trying to contradict each and everything  
3     that he said as it relates what the witnesses testified  
4     to. Now, let me give you an example say for instance he  
5     told you that Ms. Brown said that she had a head on  
6     collision with another vehicle. Ladies and gentlemen, now  
7     if you could recall the fact different from the way I do,  
8     please don't hold it against my client. And as far as the  
9     law, Your Honor, is gone give you the law. So if I recall  
10    something a little bit different from you, then rely on  
11    how you recall it and not how -- and I don't remember on  
12    the video, on any video and they didn't have any audio  
13    other than the trip to the lock up. I don't remember that  
14    woman specifically saying that she had a head on  
15    collision.

16                 Now, if you recall that evidence having been  
17    presented, then that one thing. And here's something else  
18    that I don't remember. And I'm going to tell you about  
19    this and I'm going to come back it. Here is what I don't  
20    remember. The Mr. Ridgeway, Trooper Ridgeway's  
21    calculations were all based on the fact that he started  
22    his calculations with the black pickup being in the road  
23    and having turned off of Home Branch Road.

24                 Now, I don't remember one witness coming to this  
25    courtroom and telling anybody on this jury that the black

1 pickup was at a party or at a cookout on Home Branch Road.  
2 Now, Ms. Gutierrez said that the passenger told her that  
3 that's where he was going, that was at seven o'clock.  
4 That was at seven o'clock. Now, somehow by some kind of  
5 osmosis or whatever or maybe it was communicating things  
6 the same way that -- I said I was tempted to go down this  
7 road and I said I wasn't going. I may have to go a little  
8 piece.

9           The Solicitor told you about Ms. Brown and what  
10 transpired when her blood was about to be drawn. And  
11 somehow some mysterious person told her that she was  
12 entitled to an independent test. Now, ain't no question  
13 that Ms. Brown -- and if I remember, I handed the blood  
14 test form to you so you can look at it and you can look at  
15 the check mark that was made on that form indicating that  
16 she had requested an independent test. Well now she  
17 didn't even sign it, she refused to sign it, but now  
18 somehow with Officer Dubose and Minnix, they all seem to  
19 feel that, well, we don't know how that got on there. It  
20 got be on there by error. Now, if you remember the error,  
21 Ms. Boyd or Ms. Floyd came in here to court and got on  
22 this witness stand and I asked her how did she find out  
23 about that. I knew exactly how she find out about it to  
24 begin with, but I want see to whether or not the truth was  
25 going to be told. And if you remember somehow she got a

1 text message, she got text message that said that she had  
2 made an error. And I asked her about where the text  
3 message came from and she finally admitted that it came  
4 from right here. It came from right here from the  
5 prosecutor.

6 Now, tell me how in the world you gone get text  
7 message telling you that you made an error on the blood  
8 test report with no text. So well all I got was the form,  
9 gave me a break. You got the form and you got the  
10 instructions, and you got whatever else you need to come  
11 to court and say, no, I made an error. Now, she said  
12 listen, I never thought about it. I never saw it. Do you  
13 think that all of a sudden she's gone realize, well, I  
14 made an error and I need to run down to Clarendon County  
15 and se it.

16 Now, it would seem to me that somebody would  
17 know that y'all know better than that and not even bring  
18 anything. And as I said, I don't want to go down this  
19 road, but I'm tempted to at least go down it at least a  
20 little bit. Now, I'm not gone get into trying to refute  
21 everything that the Solicitor has said because I think  
22 there's more important things for you to look at in this  
23 case. In other words, I'm not gone insult your  
24 intelligence as jurors you are called upon to decide  
25 whether or not the prosecution has proven their case

1     against Ms. Brown and proven it beyond a reasonable doubt  
2     because right now his honor will instruct you that the law  
3     in South Carolina is that right now she is presumed  
4     innocent. And that presumption of innocence will remain  
5     with her throughout the course of this trial. It is only  
6     when you and your collective wisdom decide that the  
7     evidence has convinced you and convinced you beyond a  
8     reasonable doubt that she did commit each and every  
9     element of the offense that she's charged, that is she was  
10    driving a vehicle under influence, that she did not do  
11    some act that the law required that she do or that she  
12    performed some duty that the law requires that she  
13    perform. And as a result of such, such was the proximate  
14    cause of the death or either the serious bodily injury.

15             Now, I hated to make you get on the school bus  
16    yesterday and ride down to -- ride down the road down  
17    there to the scene, but there two things I wanted you to  
18    see. And you know, ladies and gentlemen, let me tell you  
19    something, I got all respect for Trooper Ridgeway. I  
20    mean, he's a very good law enforcement. I think he's a  
21    good scientist. I got respect for the young man who got  
22    on the witness stand and told me about the alcohol and the  
23    kind of affects that either have or doesn't not have on  
24    people. And, of course, but the thing about it is and I'm  
25    not gone tell you that I'm free from the taking of

1 alcohol, but now and I don't know what y'all do and I'm  
2 not gone try to get into your business, but I think  
3 sometimes a picture is worth more than thousands words.

4 Now, his honor gone tell you even though you're  
5 not an expert, he's gone tell you why experts are able to  
6 come into this court and give their opinions. But, ladies  
7 and gentlemen, I would submit to you that you don't have  
8 to be an expert. One of the things that you can use in  
9 this case that enable you to come up with some decisions  
10 that are more accurate than anything else would be your  
11 good common sense. That's your good common sense. And I  
12 would submit to you that if you use your good common  
13 sense, you will be able to see some thing in this case  
14 that the prostitution really don't want you to see because  
15 number one -- and I'll say it and I'll say it until I  
16 leak, there was one witness, one eyewitness that came to  
17 this courtroom and told how this incident occurred. Now,  
18 there was another witness, the passenger in the vehicle.  
19 I don't know where he is. I am glad they didn't bring  
20 him. If he's gone say what I think he might say, but the  
21 simply fact of the matter is we don't know what he's gone  
22 say because he is not here.

23 Now, if he can tell us how this accident  
24 occurred different from what Ms. Brown said it occurred,  
25 then I guarantee you perhaps the prosecution would have

1 had him here, but now according to the Solicitor, the very  
2 first time that Ms. Brown told anybody about how the  
3 accident occurred, that is involving somebody coming in  
4 from the right said it occurred on this witness stand.  
5 Well, Ms. Brown's response was, well, I told my lawyer. I  
6 told my lawyer the gentleman that represented me at -- I  
7 told him, well, guess what nobody else went to her and  
8 asked her. Tell you something most people scared of the  
9 police. That's just the truth of the matter of it. When  
10 you see police coming, you want to be going to the other  
11 side. And in this case what did they expect, they expect  
12 her to give them a metal for coming to the jail or coming  
13 to the hospital and putting handcuffs on her and carrying  
14 her to jail. You gone be leery. You gone leery of that.  
15 She didn't ask anybody else about why you didn't give me a  
16 sample, a blood sample so I can take... After being told  
17 that she had the right to an independent sample, she  
18 thought she did in order to have an independent test done,  
19 she thought she did. But nobody else told her, his honor  
20 is gone instruct you that the arresting officer in that  
21 kind of situation, they have an affirmative duty to assist  
22 you in making contact with somebody else that can do an  
23 independent test. That's a known. But now the  
24 prosecution would have you believe that somehow Ms. Brown  
25 manufactured that. She didn't manufacture it. I asked

1 Trooper Dubose I said listen, did you read this before you  
2 signed it. I know she read it. Well, I handed it back to  
3 the nurse and then nurse did this. And then here comes  
4 the nurse and the nurse said that, well, I put it on there  
5 and I wrote it on there by mistake.

6 Now, the reason I wanted to -- I wanted you all  
7 to go down to that incident scene, that are primarily two  
8 things. The first is coming back from Paxville, the speed  
9 limit until you get to the area where this incident  
10 occurred, the speed limit is 55, but there is a sign that  
11 says -- and it's actually a warning sign, but it's got a  
12 speed limit on it and his honor gone tell you that that  
13 speed limit you have to honor that, but I wanted you to  
14 see that. But I wanted you to see where it was in terms  
15 of where Ms. Brown was coming from at the time that she  
16 observed what she later found out could be a vehicle with  
17 no lights on the back, came out in the road in front of  
18 her.

19 Now, I challenge, I challenge the prosecution  
20 who has not brought one witness to this courtroom. If I  
21 remember correctly, I heard somebody say, well, the family  
22 said that were coming. What family. No family came in  
23 here and told you that. And that's what Trooper Ridgeway  
24 all his analysis is based on the assertion that the black  
25 pickup turned off of Home Branch Road. And there's just

1 no evidence of that. Even now give me the name of one  
2 person that's brought to this courtroom that said that  
3 that's where that vehicle came from. I just don't know of  
4 any. And guess what, the horse out of the gate now. The  
5 Solicitor's office can't present -- they present all the  
6 evidence that they intend to present. And now, you know,  
7 I think people ought always be courteous. I won't get  
8 another opportunity to come back and talk to you again.  
9 In other words, the Solicitor's gone come back and based  
10 on something that he think that I said and he feel like  
11 you ought not take into consideration might cause you to  
12 not find that they proven this woman's guilt beyond a  
13 reasonable doubt. He's gone mention it to you. And under  
14 our system, under our system, that is under our rules, I  
15 don't get to come back and respond to any of those.  
16 However, however as it relates to the issue of the black  
17 truck, taken at six point some odd seconds that Trooper  
18 Ridgeway said it took to come from Home Branch Road and  
19 get on to Highway 261. To see ain't no question His  
20 Honor's gone tell you that Ms. Brown had the right of way.  
21 I mean, anybody that drives know that. You on Highway  
22 261, she had the right of way and anything coming under  
23 her path is required to yield anything -- in other words,  
24 if anything is close enough to you whereby it create some  
25 risk as to whether or not you can get out in the highway

1 safely, you suppose to yield to it. Now, why did not that  
2 vehicle yield. We know for a fact that there were two  
3 people in the vehicle. Now, we hadn't talked about it a  
4 whole lot, but according to -- you about (inaudible).  
5 Those are the words the prosecutor used in describing Ms.  
6 Brown, but now talk about drunk, the two people in that  
7 vehicle was drunk.

8           Now, what in the world would they be doing in  
9 the road and see the Solicitor doesn't know either. They  
10 don't whether or not they came out there in the road and  
11 stopped. They don't know how long they had been out  
12 there. And they don't know where they came from. If they  
13 know where they came from, then as I said I want you to be  
14 courteous and I want you to listen to everything the  
15 Solicitor got to say to you. But I don't want you to  
16 consider that as a good reason to convict Ms. Brown,  
17 unless he explain to you where in this evidence that been  
18 present or hadn't been presented, how they prove that the  
19 black truck came off of Home Branch Road.

20           Now, I know that he's gone say something, but  
21 now what I want you to think in your mind is who was the  
22 witness that came to this courtroom and said that that  
23 truck came off Home Branch Road. Now, what I think -- and  
24 he's absolutely right I didn't see it until Ms. Gutierrez  
25 got on the witness stand because Ms. Brown constantly

1 maintain that the vehicle that she had collision with came  
2 from her right, which would have been Boyd Road on some  
3 area immediately in there. And there's something I want  
4 to show you. I've already told you about the first thing  
5 I wanted you to see. There's one photograph that I  
6 thought illustrated it better than any of the others.  
7 Cause what it does is it actually shows a portion of that  
8 road that's right by Boyd Road that accesses Highway 261.  
9 I don't see it now. Well, maybe you'll be able to find it  
10 when you go to the jury room here's what it shows. If you  
11 went down there, y'all went down there yesterday. That  
12 Boyd Road those goes into a little community. And, of  
13 course, Ms. Gutierrez told us yesterday that that's where  
14 she lives down off of Boyd Road. But when you come out of  
15 Boyd Road, there is an opening here that really goes to a  
16 private driveway, but a lot of people including me when I  
17 came out, I didn't come out Boyd Road. I came out on that  
18 little side roadway that actually goes to somebody else.  
19 If you look at where -- and what my concern was that I  
20 could not grasp was if I believe the officer's testimony  
21 regarding where the accident occurred, how was the ridges  
22 mark in the road that far from Boyd Road. Well, I saw  
23 yesterday and that's why I wanted you go down there  
24 because if you go -- if you went down there, you could see  
25 that coming in off of that road, you got enough

1 maneuverability to turn get and straight on to Highway 261  
2 and that's where these people came from. And you know  
3 where I believe they were coming from, from his  
4 girlfriend's house. Wasn't coming from no party. Not at  
5 the time this incident occurred. I believe they were  
6 coming from the girlfriend's house.

7 Ladies and gentlemen, I'm not gone debate with  
8 y'all and argue with you about whether or not Ms. Brown  
9 had consumed. Yeah, she had consumed alcohol. Now, his  
10 honor's gone instruct you that you can even infer that she  
11 was under the influence, but I would submit to you that  
12 the statute requires more than being under the influence.  
13 It requires more than being under the influence in order  
14 to be guilty of felony DUI. I mention to you earlier in  
15 addition to being under the influence while that person is  
16 driving a vehicle. And under the influence, you must  
17 either do some act that you're forbidden by the law or  
18 fail to perform some duty that you're obligated to  
19 perform. And as a result of such failure or such action,  
20 that becomes the proximate cause. Ladies and gentlemen,  
21 tell me one qualified position that has come to this  
22 courtroom and tell you what caused the driver of the black  
23 vehicle to bend.

24 Everybody assume that he died in the accident.  
25 Now, according to a person that's not qualified to tell

1 you when he died, Trooper Ridgeway said they died -- the  
2 injure occurred on impact. Well, I don't know about  
3 Trooper Ridgeway because when you look at the photograph,  
4 you will see that the driver of the vehicle was actually  
5 under the steering column. And the passenger of the  
6 vehicle had to be extracted by the fire department. Well,  
7 I don't know when -- if the driver -- if the driver died,  
8 quite frankly I don't know when he died. I don't know  
9 what the cause -- the official cause of death was.  
10 Prosecution just assume that we just gone take what they  
11 say for all of that. I'm not gone do that. I know  
12 better. They are -- there is a forensic pathologist  
13 right there at the medical university in Charleston that  
14 could have come in here and tell you exactly the person  
15 that died -- tell you exactly what cause his death. You  
16 might be tempted to say, well, his death was caused by --  
17 well, that's not the way it goes. You know as lawyers we  
18 don't just assume anything. We don't just assume that a  
19 wife didn't like it and she put him in the vehicle and  
20 somebody crashed into him. Now, I'm not suggesting that,  
21 but I'm trying to get you to see is this is an assumption  
22 that you ought not just be making. I said earlier that  
23 sometimes the prosecution instead of not proving a  
24 defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt with evidence.  
25 Sometimes it is a lack of evidence that shows you that

1 this has not occurred.

2 Now, ladies and gentlemen, I am not gone stay up  
3 here all day. I'm going to sit down now. As I said, keep  
4 in mind that I'm not arguing about how much this --  
5 whether or not this woman was -- I am not even arguing how  
6 much she was under the influence, but I am arguing about  
7 whether or not such act or such act that she did not do  
8 that had a duty to do whether that was the proximate cause  
9 of the person's death and that hadn't been shown to you or  
10 the serious bodily injury.

11 Now, the serious bodily injury probably comes  
12 closer, but his honors gone charge you on what proximate  
13 cause means in a legal sense. He's gone tell you it's the  
14 operating cause. It's the direct cause. Now, I tell  
15 you that the direct cause quite frankly of this wreck is  
16 the driver of the black truck pull out the driveway.

17 Now, if you remember one of the first things  
18 that the Solicitor said in his opening statement is that  
19 they were mighty mighty drunk. Now, he didn't say it in  
20 those words, but that's what he said. That's what he  
21 said. So now here you got two people in a vehicle, that's  
22 mighty mighty drunk. And you got one person here  
23 Ms. Brown who by everybody's account said she was unsaid  
24 the influence. And we believe that her being under the  
25 influence and her driving too fast was the proximate cause

1 of this accident. And as a result of the accident even  
2 though we don't know it, but as a result of the accident,  
3 a man died and another man was seriously injured.

4 Well, I've been thinking about this thing, her,  
5 I am talking about Ms. Brown, the two people that got  
6 injured and the fact that maybe they all could have been  
7 drunk. The thing about it is, the person is deceased.  
8 One seriously injured and one charge with doing it all.  
9 Even though for all we know they could have been five  
10 times drunker than she was, if she was, but she is here.  
11 And the prosecution is decided, well, this is the one we  
12 gone get. And we gone prosecute her.

13 I'm gone leave you with a parable that I'm  
14 reminded of when I thought about this whole scenario,  
15 Trooper Ridgeway, the toxicologist. It all boils down to  
16 this and I don't care what the Solicitor come and say at  
17 this point. As I said, he cannot change anything. And  
18 the fact that they have not presented the evidence in this  
19 case, it doesn't change anything. It is too late to  
20 present it. And I refuse to concede that everything --  
21 the Trooper Ridgeway said was based on one premise, he  
22 came to the scene and he said somebody told me that -- and  
23 I think I heard somebody say, well, Mr. Ham said and then  
24 now -- here come well the family members. Well, what  
25 family members. That would be hearsay. Moreover, why

1 not bring one family member from the big party or the big  
2 cookout to this courtroom and say here's when they left.

3 Now, I refuse to believe that investigators  
4 seriously investigating this incident would have not done  
5 that at a minimum, but it wasn't done. Trooper Ridgeway  
6 just came and piled on whatever he had to pile on right on  
7 top of that unsupported assumption. Here's what I thought  
8 about, here's what I thought about, and here's what I want  
9 you to think about. There is a parable in scripture  
10 where a woman was caught in the act of adultery. They  
11 said she was caught in the act. And, of course, the  
12 Pharisees they wanted to see what Jesus was going to do. They  
13 didn't like Jesus. Now, they brought the woman to Jesus.  
14 They didn't bring the man. I don't know where he was.  
15 Now, if she was caught in the act, they must have caught  
16 him too, but I don't know where he went. So they brought  
17 him -- they said now here she is. She's caught in the  
18 act. What are you going to do. They said Jesus got on  
19 the ground and started making some marks on the ground.  
20 Then after while, he said who is without sin cast the  
21 first stone and the rocks started falling. The rocks  
22 started falling until after while, they weren't any  
23 accusers left. And you know what Jesus said where woman  
24 where art thou accusers. She said there are none. He  
25 said go your way and sin no more. Thank you, ladies and

1 gentlemen.

2 MR. DURANT: May it please the Court.

3 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

4 MR. DURANT: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury,  
5 as I listen to Mr. Barr passionately advocate on his  
6 client's behalf just now I remember quote I read along  
7 time said that the strong and bitter words often indicate  
8 a weak cause. The strong and bitter word indicate weak  
9 cause. Mr. Barr said that I couldn't get up here and tell  
10 you -- and give you additional evidence, I can't do that.  
11 Can't give you any additional evidence, but what I can do  
12 is correct some things he said. What I can do is point  
13 you to the evidence that you've already heard in this  
14 case. Before do that, I want to address the comments he  
15 made about the text message issue to one of the witnesses,  
16 giving her as she said a copy of her form that she signed  
17 before the trial. And she told you there was no words  
18 exchanged about that form or what she was to say about it.  
19 The text message with that form which she testified to it,  
20 I'll go ahead and fill you in. I talk to all my witnesses  
21 before trial. I talk to every one of them. I wouldn't be  
22 responsibility lawyer if I didn't. If I didn't talk to my  
23 witnesses to find what they knew, what they said, what  
24 they heard, what they observed in the case. And whether  
25 it's admissible within our rules of evidence. I wouldn't

1 be very responsible if I didn't talk to my witnesses.

2 MR. BARR: Judge, I hate to object, but I think  
3 we're now arguing facts that are not in evidence.

4 THE COURT: I understand. This is closing  
5 arguments. You put a number of things in there that you  
6 believe weren't in evidence. I don't think it's improper.  
7 I'll allow it continue.

8 MR. DURANT: I think the point's already been  
9 made. I wouldn't be very responsible if I didn't talk to  
10 my witnesses. He told her I didn't tell her what to say.  
11 Even if his client -- and that's sort of what it boils  
12 down to, if his request that additional test and her own  
13 words, she told you she didn't. She just said okay when  
14 the nurse came with a needle put in her arm, that was the  
15 only conversation. She didn't even remember having a  
16 conversation highway patrol that night. She spent three  
17 and a half hours in a room with Trooper Minnix and said  
18 she never seen him until he came into the courtroom. Then  
19 she later said, well, he did come to my house two weeks  
20 after this case happen. By the way, Mr. Barr talked about  
21 that 18 wheeler, that first came into play in this case  
22 and why would she tell the officer that if they didn't ask  
23 those exact -- ask her those exact questions why would she  
24 tell him that, wouldn't you. She said the officer came to  
25 her house and what did she say. I got nothing to say to

1 you. I got nothing to say to you. She didn't tell him  
2 that story. She never told anybody that story until her  
3 and Mr. Barr came up with it and they brought it in this  
4 courtroom.

5 Mr. Barr talked to you about the cause of the  
6 driver's death and he told you in his opening remarks in  
7 this case, that he wasn't gone concede a thing. He wasn't  
8 even gone concede that anybody died out there which  
9 incidentally is what his client did that night. Heavily  
10 intoxicated, belligerent with the officers. Ain't nobody  
11 died out there she said over and over again ain't nobody  
12 died out there because she didn't even know what she hit  
13 because she was so drunk she didn't even know what she  
14 hit. Ain't nobody died out there is what she said over  
15 and over again. Now, that story continues, that's part of  
16 her defense now ain't nobody died out there. How you know  
17 ain't nobody died out there. Come on, the coroner said  
18 that of death was determined to be 11:56 p.m., that's when  
19 the time of death was determine to be the time that  
20 Guillermo Lopez-Arenas passed away was 11:56 p.m. on  
21 August 30th 2014 here Clarendon County. That's when he  
22 went to meet his maker.

23 Coincidentally, the time of this accident  
24 according to every witness here on that witness stand was  
25 11:56 p.m. on August 30th 2014 on Highway 261 in Clarendon

1 County. The time of the accident and that's the time of  
2 death. Barr said they ain't even prove he died in this  
3 accident. Ain't nobody died out there. Use your common  
4 sense, ladies and gentlemen. I mean, this isn't new  
5 evidence. I am reminding you of the evidence that you  
6 heard in this case. Don't be distracted as I told you in  
7 my opening remark, don't be distracted, let me remind you  
8 of the evidence that you've heard.

9 We talked about the head on collision. I told  
10 you she said it was a head on collision. I submit to you  
11 that evidence is indirectly -- the officer testified to  
12 it. And if you go listen to her video, what does she  
13 describe going fast, passing another car and they hit me.  
14 After you pass another car in a two-lane road, you drive  
15 around it. What are the only options there. How do they  
16 hit her by passing another car. Either they pass that  
17 other car or they struck her in the side or the rear or  
18 they were coming toward her and they were passing another  
19 car drive fast and they hit her head on. Those are her  
20 words passing another car, driving fast and they hit me.  
21 And I'm going to jail, are you serious, that's what she  
22 said.

23 Mr. Barr told you a minute ago that Tammy Dianne  
24 Brown constantly maintains, she has constantly maintain  
25 what happened in this accident. Everybody's been in the

1 courtroom this week knows that's not the case, constantly  
2 maintains. She doesn't constantly maintain from one day  
3 to the next what happened. When I tried to ask her about  
4 the difference in her testimony from Thursday to Tuesday,  
5 she said, well, that's been a long time. I don't remember  
6 Tuesday. She can't get her story straight. She ain't  
7 constantly maintain a word in her life. Constantly  
8 maintain, how does she describe the accident on the video.  
9 She constantly maintains in the video passing another car,  
10 driving fast. They hit me. She doesn't mention a word  
11 about pulling out from the right side of the road.  
12 Doesn't mention a word about the alleged 18 wheeler.  
13 She's constantly maintained since they came up with that  
14 theory yesterday, but before that she constantly maintain  
15 something else.

16 Mr. Barr mention that there was only one eye  
17 witness that told how the accident occurred. The State  
18 didn't bring the passenger to tell you how the accident  
19 occurred. Of course, I don't need to tell you if you all  
20 hear and heard that the passenger that survived doesn't  
21 have the ability to carry on an adult conversation  
22 anymore. He suffered a traumatic brain injury. He is  
23 severally disabled. The fiance described him as like a  
24 child. Mr. Barr wants to hold it against the State of  
25 South Carolina for not putting that child in a man's body

1 up on that witness stand and asking him to try to recount  
2 to you the events that put him in that condition. Guess  
3 what, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, if they thought it  
4 would help them so much, they could have brought him here.

5 MR. BARR: Objection, Judge. He shifting the  
6 burden of proof. We're aren't required to prove anything.  
7 We are not obligated to bring anybody here. She's  
8 presumed innocent. He shifting the burden of proof.

9 MR. DURANT: Your Honor, the law is very clear  
10 when he comments on the State's failure to call a witness  
11 and he put his client on the stand, the State can then in  
12 turn comment on his failure to bring that same witness to  
13 court.

14 THE COURT: I will overrule your objection. Go  
15 ahead.

16 MR. DURANT: Only one eye witness that has the  
17 ability to talk about what happened that night. And that  
18 one eyewitness can't get here story straight. Finally, I  
19 want to talk to you about the Home Branch Road issue  
20 because that seems to be the basis for their defense.  
21 Everything arises out of Home Branch Road, the State can't  
22 show they were coming from Home Branch Road. He said and  
23 Mr. Barr quoted him and I quote him that Ridgeway's  
24 calculations started with the black pickup turning from  
25 Home Branch Road. He said they started there. Did you

1 listen to Ridgeway's testimony. It's very clearly that's  
2 not where it started. His calculations started at the  
3 pine tree. His calculations started at the pine tree.  
4 They determined it, measured it, measure the area,  
5 determine the impact to the front of that pickup truck.  
6 And therefore how fast it was going when it hit the pickup  
7 truck. And then the speed it would have lost before it  
8 got there. When he gave you the speed at the point  
9 separation between the two vehicles, are 32 miles per  
10 hour. Then using all those factors, all those formulas  
11 taking into account the weight of the vehicle, the  
12 friction on roadway these coefficients that he mention to  
13 you. He told you the speed of the pickup truck -- the  
14 vehicles at the point of impact. He ain't got to Home  
15 Branch Road yet. He started from the back -- from the end  
16 of the accident and worked his way backwards. He didn't  
17 start at Home Branch Road. Before there was any  
18 discussion about Home Branch Road with Trooper Ridgeway,  
19 he told you very clearly unequivocally that at the time  
20 she locked up her breaks, she was driving at least at a  
21 bare minimum of 64.67 miles per hour, 20 miles per hour  
22 over speed limit before any discussion of Home Branch Road  
23 came into this case from Trooper Ridgeway. She was  
24 driving 20 miles per hour over the speed limit at a bare  
25 minimum he said, at a bare minimum. At least giving her

1 every benefit of the doubt. We hadn't even talked about  
2 Home Branch Road. She's driving 20 miles per hour over  
3 the speed limit, 65 in a 45 mile per hour zone. Mr. Barr  
4 said how do you know they weren't just stopped in the  
5 roadway. They hadn't just come in the road and stop. We  
6 don't know how long they been there. What if they had  
7 stopped in the roadway. What did Trooper Ridgeway tell  
8 you. If they had been stopped in the roadway, then the  
9 Defendant Tammy Dianne Brown was driving her vehicle at 98  
10 miles an hour that cause that damage -- to exert that  
11 degree of force upon the black pickup truck and this  
12 without any discussion of Home Branch Road.

13 MR. BARR: Your Honor, that's not in evidence.  
14 Ridgeway said that when I asked him about coming out of  
15 that other driveway. I didn't say anything about being  
16 stopped in the roadway.

17 MR. DURANT: You told the jury that.

18 THE COURT: I understand your argument. The  
19 jury can recall the evidence that they heard in this case.  
20 And I think based his analogies in closing argument, I'll  
21 overrule your objection.

22 MR. DURANT: Ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to  
23 finish up here, but the point was Officer Ridgeway -- Mr.  
24 Barr proposed to you a new theory a minute ago that what  
25 if the victim's are parked in the roadway or they just

1     come in the roadway and stop. That means they're going  
2     zero miles per hour. Corporal Ridgeway testified that if  
3     they're going zero, remember he said that wouldn't be good  
4     for you. Mr. Barr that wouldn't be good for your client  
5     if they are going zero. Ms. Ridgeway -- Ms. Brown rather  
6     had been traveling 98 miles an hour. The best case  
7     scenario for her again according to the expert with 1200  
8     hours of accident reconstruction, the best case scenario,  
9     the slowest speed she's traveling is based on that  
10    assumption supported by the family member because she's  
11    coming from Home Branch Road. The best case scenario for  
12    her is 55 miles an hour. These other theories means she's  
13    going faster. She's driving even more reckless. We  
14    present it to you on this day.

15           Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, you've heard  
16    all the evidence you need to decide this case. You're  
17    tasked with a great responsibility in rendering a verdict  
18    in this case that speaks the truth. Ladies and gentlemen,  
19    it's very clear in this case, the truth is Tammy Dianne  
20    Brown is guilty of felony driving under the influence in  
21    causing death and great bodily injury. Thank you.

22           THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, we been at  
23    this about two hours. We going to take about a ten or 15  
24    minute break. I'll bring you back out and charge you on  
25    the law and give you this case to decide. Go in your jury

1 room, but don't discuss the case yet. I'll bring you back  
2 out in a few minutes.

3 (WHEREUPON, the jury retire to the jury room.)

4 THE COURT: All right. We'll be in recess ten  
5 minutes.

6 (WHEREUPON, a break was taken.)

7 THE COURT: One thing we are going to do since  
8 my voice is about gone. When I do closing argument,  
9 nobody can leave. So if you got to go, you better go now.  
10 So lock the doors and don't let nobody come or go, unless  
11 the fire alarm goes off. The State ready?

12 MR. DURANT: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: Defense ready?

14 MR. BARR: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: Bring me the jury.

16 (WHEREUPON, the jury came into open court.)

17 THE COURT: Okay. Ladies and gentlemen, as you  
18 all probably can tell all week, I have something going on  
19 and my voice is about gone. So I'm going to try and speak  
20 slowly. If you can't hear me or understand me, please let  
21 me know. I normally don't talk like this. But now that  
22 you've heard all the evidence in this case as well as  
23 arguments of both the State and the defendant, I am going  
24 to charge you on the law that you're to apply in this  
25 case.

1 Under our constitution and the code of laws of  
2 this state, I am not allowed to have an opinion about the  
3 facts of this case. The facts in this case is totally  
4 your decision. So if I said anything or done anything  
5 throughout this trial that you think I have an opinion  
6 about the facts, you are to disregard that because only  
7 you can determine what the facts are in this case. That  
8 same law, that same constitution that makes you the  
9 exclusive judge of the facts, makes me the exclusive judge  
10 of the law. So if you have an opinion as to what you  
11 think the law is or what you think the law ought to be, it  
12 is difficult, but I now tell you the law is. Under your  
13 oath, you are to disregard that opinion and apply the law  
14 exactly as I give it to you.

15 Now, the fact that this defendant was arrested,  
16 charged and indicted in this case is not evidence in this  
17 case and cannot be considered by you as evidence of guilt  
18 in this case. Nor does it create any presumption or  
19 inference of guilt. This indictment is simply a formal  
20 legal document that bring the charges against this  
21 defendant into this court and process the court  
22 proceedings. It is not evidence.

23 The defendant has entered a plea of not guilty  
24 to the indictment and that plea cast the burden upon the  
25 State of South Carolina to prove each and every element of

1 that indictment to you beyond a reasonable doubt. A  
2 person charged with committing a criminal offense in South  
3 Carolina is never required to prove himself or herself  
4 innocent. It is an important rule of law in this country  
5 that a defendant in a criminal trial will always be  
6 presumed innocent of the crime of which he or she is  
7 indicted, unless and until her guilt has been proven by  
8 evidence that satisfies you of that guilt beyond a  
9 reasonable doubt.

10 The presumption of innocence is not a mere legal  
11 theory. It is not just a legal phrase. It is a  
12 substantial constitutional right to which every defendant  
13 is entitled. The presumption of innocence accompanies the  
14 defendant from the time she's charged, throughout the  
15 trial until you reach a verdict of guilt based upon  
16 evidence that satisfies you of that guilt beyond a  
17 reasonable doubt. A reasonable doubt is a doubt which  
18 makes an honest, sincere, conscientious juror in search of  
19 the ruth to hesitate to act.

20 Proof beyond a reasonable doubt must be proved  
21 by such a convincing character that a reasonable person  
22 would not hesitate to rely upon and act upon it in the  
23 most important of his or her own affairs. Now, proof  
24 beyond a reasonable doubt may also be described as proof  
25 that leaves you firmly convinced of the defendant's guilt.

1 There are very few things in this world that we know with  
2 absolute certainly. And in a criminal case, the law does  
3 not require proof that overcomes every possibly doubt. If  
4 based on your consideration of the evidence you're firmly  
5 convinced that the defendant is guilty of a crime she is  
6 charged with, you must find her guilty. If on the other  
7 hand, you think there's a real possibility that she is not  
8 guilty, you must give her the benefit of that doubt and  
9 find her not guilty.

10 In determining what the facts in a case are, you  
11 must necessarily or the facts you must necessarily pass  
12 upon the credibility, which simply means the believability  
13 of the witnesses and the value of weight to be given to  
14 their testimony. Making these decisions, there are many  
15 things that you should take into consideration such as the  
16 manner of the witness on the stand sometimes referred to  
17 as the demeanor of the witness. Was the witness  
18 forthright or hesitant. Was the witness' testimony  
19 consistent or did it contain discrepancies. What was the  
20 ability of the witness to know the facts about which he or  
21 she testified. Did the witness have cause or reason to be  
22 bias or prejudice in favor of their testimony. Was the  
23 witness' testimony corroborated or made stronger by other  
24 testimony or evidence or was it made weaker or impeached  
25 by such other evidence or testimony.

1           The rules of evidence do not ordinary permit a  
2 witness to testify to opinions or conclusions. An  
3 exception to this rule exist for witnesses we call expert  
4 witnesses. A witness who by education and experience has  
5 become an expert in some art, science, profession or  
6 calling may state an opinion as to relevant material  
7 matters in which the witness claims to be an expert. May  
8 also state the reasons for that opinion. You should  
9 consider an expert's opinion received into evidence in  
10 this case by any other evidence, give it the weight you  
11 think it deserves. If you decide that the opinion of an  
12 expert is not based on sufficient education and experience  
13 or if you conclude that the reasons given in support of  
14 the opinion are not sound or that the opinion is  
15 outweighed by other evidence, you may disregard their  
16 opinion in its entirety. An expert opinion is to be given  
17 no greater weight then that of any other witness simply  
18 because the witness is an expert. I further instruct you  
19 that you're not required to set the expert's opinion even  
20 though it is not contradicted.

21           As jurors you have a right to believe a small  
22 portion of testimony or witness' testimony and disregard  
23 the larger or vice versa. You may believe all the  
24 witness' testimony or none. You may believe the testimony  
25 of a single witness against that of many or the other way

1 around.

2 Now, there are two types of evidence that are  
3 generally presented during a trial direct evidence and  
4 circumstantial evidence. Direct evidence can directly  
5 prove the existence of a fact and does not require  
6 deduction. Circumstantial evidence is proven by a chain  
7 of facts and circumstances indicating the existence of a  
8 fact. Crimes may be proven by circumstantial evidence if  
9 the law makes no distinction to the weight or value to be  
10 given either by direct or circumstantial evidence.

11 However, to the extent the State relies on  
12 circumstantial evidence, all of the circumstances must be  
13 consistent with each other. And when taken together for a  
14 conclusory to the guilt of the accused beyond a reasonable  
15 doubt if these circumstances merely portray the  
16 defendant's behavior as suspicious, the proof has failed.  
17 The State has the burden of proving the defendant guilty  
18 beyond a reasonable doubt and this rests with the State  
19 regardless of whether the State relies on direct evidence,  
20 circumstantial evidence or a combination of the two.

21 Now, criminal intent is a necessary element of  
22 each crime that must be proven by the State beyond a  
23 reasonable doubt. Criminal intent is always a matter that  
24 must be determined by the jury on the circumstances  
25 surrounding the situation. There's no way to prove

1 criminal intent to a mathematical certainty. There is no  
2 way medical science can dissect a person's brain and  
3 determine what or she had in mind. The law states  
4 criminal intent may be inferred from the circumstances  
5 shown to have existed both before and after the fact. And  
6 this is how you, the jury, make a determination of whether  
7 or not the element of intent was present.

8 Criminal intent is a state of mind that operates  
9 jointly with an act or omission of an act in commission of  
10 a crime. Criminal intent is a mental state of conscious  
11 wrongdoing. It is up to you, the jury, to determine what  
12 the defendant had in mind based on the circumstances shown  
13 to have existed at the time. And I tell you that criminal  
14 intent must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, just as  
15 every element must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

16 Now, I'm going to give you certain statutes and  
17 rules that you may determine apply in this case. Under  
18 our code of laws right of way is the right of one vehicle  
19 or pedestrian to proceed in a lawful manner in preface of  
20 another vehicle or pedestrian, approaching under such  
21 circumstances of direction, speed, proximity as to give  
22 rise to the danger of a collision unless one grass presses  
23 to the other.

24 Now, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn  
25 to the left within an intersection or into an alley,

1 private road or driveway shall yield the right of way to  
2 any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction which  
3 is within the direct -- within the intersection or so  
4 close that it constitutes an immediate hazard.

5 The driver of a vehicle about to enter or cross  
6 the roadway from any place other than another roadway,  
7 shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching  
8 on the roadway or that road to be crossed.

9 Now, the State must prove to you beyond a  
10 reasonable doubt that the defendant was speeding at the  
11 time of the collision. A person shall not drive a vehicle  
12 on a highway at a speed credit that is reasonable and  
13 prudent under the condition of having -- regarding to the  
14 actual and potential hazards that exist. Speed must be so  
15 controlled as to avoid a collision with a person, vehicle  
16 or other things or entering the highway in compliance with  
17 the legal requirements and the duty of a person to use  
18 care. The driver of a vehicle shall drive at an  
19 appropriate reduce speed when approaching and crossing the  
20 intersection or a railway grading crossing when  
21 approaching and going through around the curve,  
22 approaching a hill crest when traveling upon any now  
23 bridge now or winding roadway or when a special hazard  
24 exist with respect to pedestrians or other traffic by  
25 reasons of weather or highway condition.

1           All official traffic control devices are defined  
2 as all signs, signals, markings and devices placed or  
3 rendered by authority for a public body or official having  
4 jurisdiction of the purpose of regulating or guiding  
5 traffic or official traffic control devices. The driver  
6 of any vehicle shall obey the instructions of any official  
7 traffic control device unless otherwise directed by a  
8 police officer. Signs directed by the highway department  
9 in accordance statutory authority or official traffic  
10 control devices and drivers are required to comply with  
11 instructions on those signs. A posted numerical speed on  
12 a sign posted by the highway department is the speed limit  
13 no matter what color the sign is.

14           In criminal prosecution for a felony DUI, the  
15 alcohol concentration at the time of the test is shown by  
16 chemical analysis of a person's breathe, blood or urine  
17 gives rise to the following: If the alcohol concentration  
18 was at the time five one hundreds or one percent or less,  
19 that's the point .05 or less. It is conclusively presumed  
20 that the person was not under the influence of alcohol.  
21 If the alcohol concentration was at the time in excess of  
22 five one hundreds of one percent, which is .05, but less  
23 than eight one hundreds of one percent, which is .08 that  
24 fact does not give rise to any inference that the person  
25 was or was not under the influence of alcohol. This stack

1 may be considered with other evidence to determine the  
2 guilt or innocence of a person.

3           If the alcohol concentration was at the time  
4 eight one hundreds of one percent or .08, it may be  
5 inferred that that person was under the influence of  
6 alcohol.

7           Now, the defendant has been charged with felony  
8 driving under the influence. The State must prove beyond  
9 a reasonable doubt that the defendant drove a vehicle  
10 while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The driver  
11 in a motor vehicle means the vehicle was in motion. This  
12 may be proven by direct or circumstantial evidence. The  
13 movement of a vehicle might occur without any affirmative  
14 act by the driver or in fact by any person if the vehicle  
15 is moving by somehow beyond the control of the defendant  
16 or by the defendant -- by the defendant or by an act which  
17 would not -- this would not be driving.

18           If a vehicle is moving outside of the control of  
19 the driver or as a result of some other accident, that's  
20 not considered driving. The State must prove beyond a  
21 reasonable doubt that the defendant was sufficiently under  
22 the influence to impair his or her ability to drive with  
23 reasonable care with due regard for others and herself as  
24 a reasonable prudent person would drive. Is not necessary  
25 to show that the defendant was in a helpless condition,

1 passed out or even intoxicated. On the other hand, the  
2 fact that the defendant at some time prior to the incident  
3 drank an alcohol beverage or took drugs, does not prove  
4 the defendant was driving under the influence.

5 Next, the State must prove beyond a reasonable  
6 doubt that while driving the defendant did an act  
7 forbidden by the law or neglected to do a duty imposed by  
8 law. And finally the State must prove beyond a reasonable  
9 doubt that the act or negligence of the defendant  
10 proximately cause great bodily injury or death to another  
11 person.

12 Proximate cause is the direct cause. It is the  
13 immediate cause. It is the official cause. It is the  
14 cause without which the injury to or death of the victim  
15 would not have resulted.

16 There may be more than one proximate cause. The  
17 fact that the acts of two or more persons may be combined  
18 together to be the proximate cause to injury or death of  
19 another person. The defendant may act -- the defendant  
20 acts may be regarded as the proximate cause. If it is the  
21 contributed cause of injuries to another person or the  
22 death to another person, the fact that other causes also  
23 contributed to the injury or death of the victim does not  
24 relieve the defendant from the responsibility. The  
25 defendant acts need not be the sole cause of the injury or

1 death, but it must be the approximately contributing -- it  
2 must be the proximate cause contributed to the injury or  
3 death of the victim.

4           It is not a defense to show that the victim  
5 might have recovered if he or she had been treated  
6 according to the most approved surgical or medical  
7 standards or a reasonable prudent doctor would have  
8 treated in this case or in other case showing that the  
9 treatment was negligent. If however that was caused by  
10 the wound of the injury, that the victim had because of a  
11 gross, erroneous, willful and deliberate treatment, the  
12 defendant would not be viable. In other words, negligence  
13 on the part of someone else would not believe the  
14 defendant liability of the injury, if you determine that  
15 the defendant's action was the proximate cause of the  
16 defendant's death.

17           Great bodily injury means injury which creates a  
18 substantial risk of death or which causes serious  
19 permanent disfigurement or extended loss of impairment of  
20 functions of any body member or organ.

21           Now, ladies and gentlemen, you are not advocates  
22 for the State of South Carolina or this defendant. You  
23 are not serve as juror to reward your friends or punish  
24 your enemies, that system of justice would be tolerated.  
25 You have been selected by the defendant and the State to

1 be fair and impartial jurors. It is your duty then by  
2 your joint deliberation to determine the facts in this  
3 case and to give this defendant the benefit of every  
4 reasonable doubt on each and every issue. Then to the  
5 facts that you determine in this case to be correct use to  
6 apply the law that I given to you and reach a verdict in  
7 this case.

8 It is your responsibility as jurors to be fair  
9 and impartial to both sides and apply this law and reach a  
10 verdict based on the facts that you been given in this  
11 case. When you have done that, madam forelady, you are to  
12 sign this verdict form. It must be unanimous. All 12 of  
13 you must agree before you can sign it. And the verdict  
14 form is simply the caption of the case. It's the State of  
15 South Carolina vs. Tammy Dianne Brown. And these possibly  
16 verdicts you can reach. As to the charge of felony  
17 driving under the influence resulting in death, we, the,  
18 jury unanimously find the defendant the guilty or not  
19 guilty. And you are to check whatever box that you all  
20 make an unanimous finding.

21 As far as the charge of driving under the  
22 influence resulting in great bodily injure, we, the jury,  
23 unanimously find the defendant guilty or not guilty.  
24 You're to check whatever those box you reach. Then you're  
25 to sign your name and date it, knock on the door and tell

1 us that you reached a verdict and we will bring you back  
2 out and receive that verdict. That verdict must be  
3 unanimous. It must be the verdict of all 12 of you.

4 Now, if any time during your deliberations, one  
5 of you need to be excused, you need to go to the restroom  
6 or you leave the jury room, you got to stop talking about  
7 the case. You can only talk about the case when all 12 of  
8 you are present in that room. Like I say, your verdict  
9 must be unanimous. All 12 of you must agree. The order  
10 that my law clerk has put these in, you should draw no  
11 conclusion whatsoever. We had to put them in some order.

12 I've got to talk to the attorneys to be sure I  
13 have covered everything. If left out some charge of the  
14 law, then I will bring you back out and charge you further  
15 on the law. If I've covered everything, then I will send  
16 this verdict form along with evidence in the courtroom --  
17 I mean, in the jury room. When you get the verdict form  
18 and evidence, that will be your indicator begin your  
19 deliberations.

20 I understand it's 12 o'clock. The clerk has  
21 ordered lunch for you all. So at sometime as you -- I'll  
22 have the bailiff knock on the door and bring it in. You  
23 can stop deliberating and eat or you can talk and eat at  
24 the same time, it's up to you all. When you reach a  
25 verdict, just knock on the door and let us know. And let

1 me check with the lawyers bring either I'll bring you back  
2 out or send the stuff in. Once you get it, you can start  
3 your deliberations, okay. The two alternates you all need  
4 to stay with me. The only reason I may need you all if  
5 somebody got sick. Looks like everybody's gone make it,  
6 so you all stay with me. And the rest of you all go to  
7 the jury room and I'll let you know something in just a  
8 minute.

9 (WHEREUPON, the jury retire to the jury room at  
10 12:04.)

11 THE COURT: Are there any exceptions at least on  
12 behalf of the State?

13 MR. DURANT: No, sir, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: On behalf of the defense?

15 MR. BARR: No, sir, Judge.

16 THE COURT: All right. Gentlemen, if you all  
17 will make sure all the evidence is together with the court  
18 reporter to send it in.

19 MR. DURANT: Thank you, Judge.

20 THE COURT: Now, you all been sitting here all  
21 week and you not going to get to decide this case. And  
22 you're free to go. You can stay if you want to or you can  
23 go if you want to. I been telling you you can't talk  
24 about this case. Now, you can talk about it with anybody  
25 you want to. You don't have to. And I'm sorry you had to

1 sit all week and not get to deliberate, but I just needed  
2 you if something happen to the. I hope it's been somewhat  
3 educational to you. I enjoyed having you. It's been a  
4 long complicated case and I appreciate your willingness to  
5 serve. Like I said, you're free to go if you want to or  
6 you can hang around. It's up to you. Thank you so much.

7 (WHEREUPON, the alternates were excused.)

8 THE COURT: All right. Get the evidence  
9 together.

10 (WHEREUPON, the jury began deliberations at  
11 12:07.)

12 THE COURT: I got a jury question. I got a  
13 question from the jury. We would like to read the actual  
14 law.

15 MR. BARR: They what?

16 THE COURT: They want to read the law. I don't  
17 send my charges back in light of the Supreme Court and  
18 Court of Appeals. My understanding of their ruling is  
19 that it's not recommended. A couple judges have done it  
20 and they didn't reverse them, but they told them not to do  
21 it again. I'll be glad to bring them back out and  
22 recharge them, but I'm not sending my charge to the jury.  
23 Either one of you all want to be heard on it.

24 MR. DURANT: No, sir, Your Honor.

25 MR. BARR: No, sir.

1 THE COURT: Bring them out.

2 (WHEREUPON, the jury came into open court at  
3 12:53 p.m.)

4 (WHEREUPON, Court's Exhibit No. 6 was admitted  
5 marked for the record.)

6 THE COURT: Madam forelady, I got a note from  
7 you all that you want to read the actual log. Under my  
8 rules, I can't send you my charge back there in writing.  
9 I can recharge you. I understand my voice is terrible. I  
10 can go through my whole charge again or any portion you  
11 like to hear, but I can't send it back to you in writing,  
12 okay. Do you want to talk about it or you want me to read  
13 any portion thereof?

14 FOREPERSON: Just a portion of it.

15 THE COURT: Which portion.

16 FOREPERSON: The word about the specifics of  
17 that the State needs to prove to have the conviction.

18 THE COURT: So you want the felony DUI what this  
19 person is charged with?

20 FOREPERSON: Yes.

21 THE COURT: The defendant is charged with felony  
22 driving under the influence. The State must prove beyond  
23 a reasonable doubt, that the defendant drove a vehicle  
24 following under the influence of alcohol and drugs. The  
25 driver of the motor vehicle that means the driver of a

1 vehicle is in motion and the defendant is doing something  
2 to call in motion of the vehicle. In that motion occur by  
3 the driver of the individual is not some car rolling on  
4 it's onto someone or somebody's pushing it, okay.

5 The State must prove beyond a reasonable doubt  
6 that the defendant was sufficiently under the influence to  
7 impair her ability to drive the vehicle with reasonable  
8 care. With due regard, she must have enough care for the  
9 due regard of theirs and herself as a reasonable prudent  
10 person would drive. It is not necessary to show that the  
11 defendant was in a helpless condition, passed out or even  
12 intoxicated. On the other hand, the fact that the  
13 defendant at some time prior to this incident drank an  
14 alcoholic beverage or took drugs, does not prove the  
15 defendant was driving under the influence.

16 Their ability to drive must be impaired by the  
17 consumption of some alcohol or drug. The other thing the  
18 State must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that while the  
19 defendant was driving a vehicle under the influence of  
20 some alcohol or drug, they did some act or omission of an  
21 act. They had a duty to do and the act caused a proximate  
22 injuries of another person or death. So had to drive a  
23 vehicle under the influence and violated some other law or  
24 did some other act that they had a duty to do. Those are  
25 basically the three things, okay.

1           Is that clear up -- and then I explain proximate  
2           cause to you that that act had to cause the injuries or  
3           the death of the parties in this case. If their death or  
4           injury was cause by some other act or some other reason,  
5           then the State has not met its burden. But basically  
6           those are the three burdens they have to prove to you  
7           beyond a reasonable doubt. The defendant was driver a car  
8           under the influence and violated some law, created some  
9           act or some duty and they didn't follow in the violation  
10          of that cause the death or injury to another person. Is  
11          that -- you need anything else?

12                   FOREPERSON: No, sir.

13                   THE COURT: Let us know if you have another  
14          question.

15                   (WHEREUPON, the jury retire to the jury room at  
16          12:57 to continue deliberations.)

17                   THE COURT: Any exceptions at least on behalf of  
18          the State?

19                   MR. DURANT: No, sir, Your Honor.

20                   THE COURT: Defense?

21                   MR. BARR: No, sir.

22                   THE COURT: All right. We'll go back to what we  
23          were doing until we hear something new.

24                   (WHEREUPON, court awaiting verdict.)

25                   THE COURT: My understanding we got a verdict.

1 Bring them in please, sir.

2 (WHEREUPON, jury come into courtroom with a  
3 verdict at 1:18 pm.)

4 THE CLERK: Have you reached a verdict  
5 unanimously?

6 FOREPERSON: Yes.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Read the verdict please. You  
8 may publish the verdict.

9 THE CLERK: On indictment number  
10 2014-GS-14-0408, the State of South Carolina vs. Tammy  
11 Dianne Brown, as to the charge of felony driving under the  
12 influence resulting in death: We, the jury, unanimously  
13 find the defendant guilty. As to the charge of felony  
14 driving under the influence resulting in great bodily  
15 injury: We, the jury, unanimously find the defendant  
16 guilty. Sign by the Barbara S. Shumpert foreperson dated  
17 May 18th 2018.

18 THE COURT: Thank you. Madam forelady, this  
19 verdict is unanimous?

20 FOREPERSON: Yes, sir.

21 THE COURT: Anything further from the State?

22 MR. DURANT: No, sir, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: From defense?

24 MR. BARR: Poll the jury.

25 THE COURT: All right, madam clerk poll the

1 jury.

2 THE CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury,  
3 beginning with the foreman when I call your name, I'm  
4 going to ask you two questions. I would you to stand  
5 please, okay. Starting with our foreperson, Ms. Barbara  
6 S. Shumpert, would you stand please. Is this your  
7 verdict?

8 FOREPERSON: Yes, ma'am.

9 THE CLERK: And still your verdict?

10 FOREPERSON: Yes.

11 THE CLERK: Thank you. You may be seated.

12 Tiffany L. Lancaster. Is this your verdict?

13 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

14 THE CLERK: And still your verdict?

15 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

16 THE CLERK: Thank you.

17 Joy S. Joyner. Is this your verdict?

18 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

19 THE COURT: And still your verdict?

20 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

21 THE CLERK: Thank you.

22 Stephanie Walker, is this your verdict?

23 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

24 THE CLERK: And still your verdict?

25 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

1 THE CLERK: Thank you.

2 Talbrick D. McKenzie, is this your verdict?

3 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

4 THE CLERK: And still your verdict?

5 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

6 THE CLERK: Jakkia L. Lawson, is this jury  
7 verdict?

8 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

9 THE CLERK: And still your verdict?

10 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

11 THE CLERK: Thank you.

12 Justin K. Mooneyham, is this your verdict?

13 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

14 THE CLERK: And still your verdict?

15 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

16 THE CLERK: Thank you.

17 Joshua M. Graham, is this your verdict?

18 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

19 THE CLERK: And still your verdict?

20 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

21 THE CLERK: Nikasha C. Lang, is this your  
22 verdict?

23 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

24 THE CLERK: And still your verdict?

25 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

1 THE CLERK: Thank you.

2 Frank C. Bleasdale, III, is this your verdict?

3 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

4 THE CLERK: And still your verdict?

5 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

6 THE CLERK: Keenan D. Miller, is this your  
7 verdict?

8 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

9 THE CLERK: And still your verdict?

10 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

11 THE CLERK: William T. Floyd, is this your  
12 verdict?

13 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

14 THE CLERK: And still your verdict?

15 JUROR: Yes, ma'am.

16 THE CLERK: Thank you very much.

17 THE COURT: Anything further from either side?

18 MR. DURANT: No, sir, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Okay. Ladies and gentlemen, I want  
20 to thank you for your service this week. You had a long  
21 heard week. You paid close attention throughout this  
22 trial and I appreciate your services as citizens of this  
23 county. You don't have to do this again for three years.  
24 If you need a work excuse just, the clerk office provide  
25 you one. And we will send you a check. It won't any way

1     compensate you for what you done.  If it did, you couldn't  
2     pay your property taxes and I appreciate it.

3             I been telling you you couldn't talk about this  
4     case.  And now you can talk about it to anybody you want  
5     to.  You can go tell your family what you were doing all  
6     week.  You don't have to talk about it if you don't want  
7     to either.  You are free to go home if you want to.  You  
8     can sit in the audience.  I'll listen to any mitigation  
9     from the attorneys in passing sentence in this case.  You  
10    can sit for that or you can go home, but I thank you so  
11    much for your service.  I hope at least you have an  
12    understanding of our judicial system maybe you learn  
13    something this week.  I hope so.  Thank you so much.

14             (WHEREUPON, the jury is dismissed.)

15             MR. DURANT:  Beg the Court's indulgence to get  
16    the paperwork.

17             (WHEREUPON, a pause in the proceedings.)

18             MR. BARR:  Posttrial motions, Judge.

19             THE COURT:  Okay.

20             MR. BARR:  Posttrial motions.

21             THE COURT:  Oh, yes, sir.

22             MR. BARR:  We respectfully move for a judgment  
23    on the verdict on the alternative for new trial.  And, of  
24    course, our motion would be based on the exceptions or  
25    objections that are on the record.  And the defense's

1 position that the jury verdict is not admissibility of  
2 evidence. And we would respectfully move for judgment in  
3 the rest of the verdict or in the alternative a new trial.

4 THE COURT: All right. I think that there is  
5 sufficient evidence in this case to a support jury verdict  
6 and I respectfully deny your motion.

7 MR. BARR: All right, sir.

8 THE COURT: Anything from the State? She had a  
9 prior record?

10 MR. DURANT: She has a prior conviction in 1999  
11 for food stamp fraud. I believe, she received a  
12 probationary sentence for. Beyond that, Your Honor,  
13 certainly there -- you're familiar with the facts of this  
14 case and sat through a five day trial. We refer to Your  
15 Honor for sentencing.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Barr.

17 MR. BARR: Judge, for the first time in a long  
18 time I'm incline to agree with the Solicitor with the  
19 respect to the information that's available to the Court  
20 by way of mitigation. The defendant has no substantial  
21 criminal record. She's already -- I think she's indicated  
22 her age. She's gainfully employed. She has two young  
23 children. She takes care of her mother. I'm not aware of  
24 anything else on her record other what's been represented  
25 to you. And as far as the facts and the circumstances of

1 this case, Judge, I think you've heard pretty much  
2 everything that I can tell you as it relates to the nature  
3 of how the incident occurred.

4 THE COURT: All right. On count one of the  
5 indictment, felony driving under the influence resulting  
6 in death, sentence of the Court is you be committed to the  
7 state department of corrections for a term of 15 years.  
8 On count two, sentence is 12 years to run concurrent with  
9 each, credit for time served.

10 END OF REQUESTED TRANSCRIPT

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Subject: BROWN TAMMY DIANNE CLARKENDON  
Last Name First Name Middle Name County of Arrest

Subject's Address: WINTERS HILL RD Manning SC 29102

Driver's License Number: [REDACTED] State: SC DOB: [REDACTED] 1969 Sex: F Race: R

Arresting Officer: J K MANNIX Agency: SCHP

Date of Arrest: 08-31-2017 Time of Arrest: 0155 AM/PM Traffic Ticket Number: Pending

Date of Test: 08-31-2017 Time of Test: 0221 AM/PM Location of Collection: T-1 CLARKENDON ER

CHECK THE FOLLOWING (CHECK BOTH IF APPLICABLE)

- Subject is under arrest for Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, 56-5-2945, 56-1-2120, 50-21-112, 50-21-113 or 23-31-415; or is in violation of Section 56-5-2945, 50-21-113 or 56-1-286 of the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws as amended.
- Subject has been advised in writing of his/her Implied Consent Rights.

CHECK THE CORRECT ONE (ONLY ONE CAN APPLY)

- Officer has reasonable suspicion that the subject is under the influence of drug(s) other than alcohol and a urine sample is requested.
- Subject is unconscious or otherwise incapable of refusal and is considered informed, therefore, a blood sample is requested.
- A blood sample is requested by the arresting officer because a licensed medical person has informed the officer that the subject is unable to take a breath test at this time due to any reason deemed acceptable by that licensed medical person.
- Subject is under arrest for, or in violation of, Section 56-5-2945 or 50-21-113, and, pursuant to Section 56-5-2946 or 50-21-116, a blood sample or a blood and urine sample is/are requested.
- A blood sample is requested by the subject for his/her own independent test.

Name and Title of Licensed Medical Personnel: Angela Ann Floyd Phlebot

Signature of Licensed Medical Personnel: Angela Ann Floyd (Please Print)

THIS SECTION TO BE CHECKED BY SAMPLE COLLECTOR

- Using a non-ethanol prep, a blood sample was collected into an unused, uncontaminated vial and given directly to the arresting officer (or to the subject requesting sample for his/her independent test) after collection.
- A urine sample was collected into an unused, uncontaminated container and given directly to the arresting officer after collection.

Name of Licensed or Trained Collector: Angela Ann Floyd

Signature of Licensed or Trained Collector: Angela Ann Floyd (Please Print)

FINAL CHECKS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

- Sample collection was under my direct supervision. JP DuBost
- Sample container is properly labeled with the subject's name and time of collection.
- Sample is properly sealed and ready for transport.

Signature of Officer: [Signature] Date: 08-31-2017

I, REFUSED TO SIGN received a copy of this report on 08-31-2017  
(Subject's Signature) Date

Copy to: Subject, Hospital, SLED

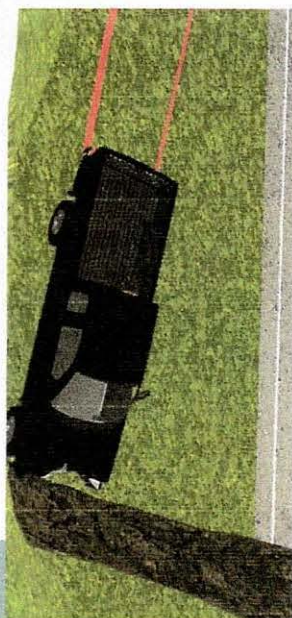
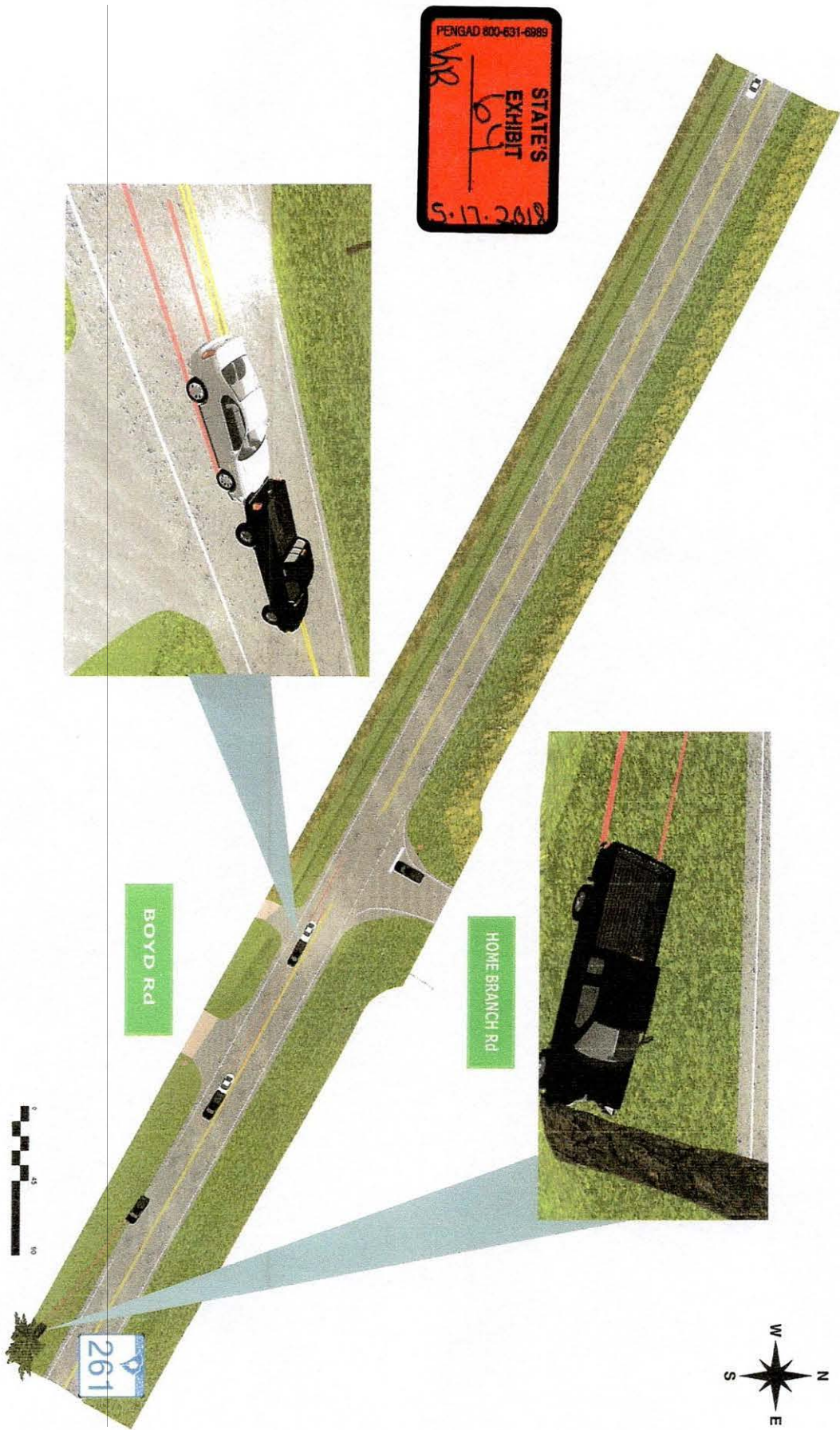




SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL  
MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION TEAM  
DATE DRAWN: 08/31/2014

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

TROOP 1 / CLARENDON  
OCCURRED ON: 08/30/2014  
MF-160-14



(The person) described in the warrant and (The premises).

On 08-31, 2014 at 0315 o'clock, AM (ampm), I searched  
I received the attached Search Warrant on 08-31-2014, 2014, and have executed it as follows:

CASE - FATALITY INVESTIGATION  
RETURN

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

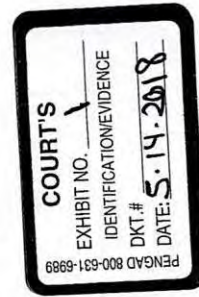
COUNTY OF CLARENDON

SEARCH WARRANT

CASE - FATALITY INVESTIGATION

Date: 08/30/2014  
MF-160-14

CPL. J.P. DUBOSE



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SEARCH WARRANT

COUNTY OF CLARENDON

TO ANY BONDED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE, COUNTY OR THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARENDON.

If appearing from the attached affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that certain property subject to seizure under provisions of Section 17-13-140, 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, is located on the following premises:

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES (PERSON, PLACE OR THING)  
TO BE SEARCHED

Tammy Dianne Brown -DOB [redacted] 1969 of [redacted] Winters Hill Rd Manning SC 29102

Now, therefore, you are hereby authorized to search the subject premises for the property described below, and to seize such property if found:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY SOUGHT  
(SECTION B)

This search will be for urine and or blood samples taken from the above individual (Tammy Dianne Brown - DOB - [redacted] 1969). This will include the removal of the sample(s) for further analysis.

This Search Warrant shall not be valid for more than ten days from date of issuance.

A written inventory of all property seized pursuant to this Search Warrant shall be made to

Clarendon County Magistrate

Within ten days from the date of this warrant, such inventory to be signed by the officer executing this warrant, and a copy of such inventory shall be furnished to the person whose premises are searched if demand for such copy is made.

A copy of this Search Warrant shall be delivered to the person in charge of premises searched at the time of such search if practicable, and if not, to such person as soon thereafter as is practicable; in the event the identify of the person in charge is not known or if such person cannot be found after reasonable diligence in attempting to locate the person, a copy shall be attached to prominent place on such premises.

Clarendon Co. Magistrate's Office. *Manning SC*

August 31, \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

*Patricia C. Ladd* (L.S.)  
Signature of Judge

SCCA-513 (3-78)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF CLARENDON

Personally appeared before me, one Cpl. J.P. DuBose of the South Carolina Highway Patrol, who, being duly sworn, says that there is probable cause to believe that certain property subject to seizure under provisions of Section 17-13-140, 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, is located on the following premises in this County:

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706 COUNTY OF CLARENDON

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DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES (PERSON, PLACE OR THING) TO BE SEARCHED

Tammy Dianne Brown- DOB [REDACTED] 1969 of [REDACTED] Winters Hill Rd Manning SC 29102

REASON FOR AFFIANTS BELIEF THAT THE PROPERTY SOUGHT IS ON THE SUBJECT PREMISES

On August 30, 2014, SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL responded to a collision on SC 261 near Boyd Rd in Clarendon County, South Carolina. The collision involved two vehicles, one of which was driven by Tammy Dianne Brown. The collision caused fatal injuries to the driver of the second vehicle Maurelio Deleon (DOB [REDACTED] 1979) of [REDACTED] Audry Ln Manning SC 29102. The driver of the at fault vehicle (1999 Hyun Triburon, white in color, South Carolina license plate [REDACTED]), Tammy Dianne Brown - DOB [REDACTED] 1969, is believed to be driving the vehicle under the influence. A search and removal of urine and or blood samples for the driver will assist in determining if the driver is actually under the influence at the time of the collision.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

*Relia C. Latta* (L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Cpl. J.P. DuBose *[Signature]*  
Affiant

Address 520 S. Pike St E

Sumter SC 29150

Phone (803) 775-5353

CASE - FATALITY INVESTIGATION  
RETURN

I received the attached Search Warrant on 08-31-2014, 2014, and have executed it as follows:

On 08-31, 2014 at 0315 o'clock, AM (am/pm), I searched

(The person) described in the warrant and (The premises).

I left a copy of the warrant with Tammy Dianne Brown

Name of person searched or "at the place of search" with.

Together with a receipt for the items seized.

The following is an inventory of property taken pursuant to the warrant:

2 vials of Blood ; 1 container of urine


This inventory was made in the presence of Cpl. J P DuBose

AND Trp JK Minnix. I swear that this Inventory is a true and detailed account of all the property taken by me on the warrant.

SWORN to before me this the 4th

Day of September 2014

  
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(Signature of Officer Executing Warrant)

 (L.S.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Judge

Form Approved by  
S. C. Attorney General  
Section 17-13-160  
March 15, 1978

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March 15, 1978

ADVISEMENT OF IMPLIED CONSENT RIGHTS

Subject's Name (Print) Tammy Diane Bizzell

Date of Birth 1969

Driver's License Number [REDACTED]

State Licensed SC



FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ADVISEMENT

- (A) Will test be video recorded? If answer is Yes, start here → - Inform subject of video recording.  
If answer is No, start here → - Inform subject of type samples requested (i.e. breath, blood, urine).
- (B) Provide subject with a written copy of the following advisement and read the advisement to the subject:
  - You are under arrest for Felony Driving Under the Influence (Felony DUI), Section 56-5-2945, South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended, or a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that you have violated this section.
  - The officer has directed that samples be taken for alcohol and/or drug testing.
  - The samples will be taken and tested according to Section 56-5-2950 and SLED policies.
  - Pursuant to Section 56-5-2946, you must submit to either one or a combination of chemical tests for the purpose of determining the presence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of alcohol and drugs.
  - The resistance, obstruction, or opposition to testing pursuant to Section 56-5-2946 is evidence admissible at trial.
  - If your tests or samples have an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent (0.15%) or more, your privilege to drive in South Carolina must be suspended for at least one (1) month.
  - You have the right to have a qualified person of your own choosing conduct additional independent tests at your expense and the officer, upon request, must provide you affirmative assistance.
  - You have the right to request an administrative hearing within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the notice of suspension.
  - If you do not request an administrative hearing or if your suspension is upheld at the administrative hearing, you must enroll in an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program.

If applicable, perform the following procedures:

- (C) Check subject's mouth and remove any foreign material. (Not required if a refusal has occurred.)
- (D) Enter biographical data into DataMaster DMT. (Required for all tests, including refusals.)
- (E) Observe subject for a minimum of twenty (20) minutes before collecting breath sample. (Not required if a refusal has occurred.)

ADVERTENCIA POR EL DELITO DE MANEJAR BAJO LOS EFECTOS DE ALCOHOL O DROGAS (FELONY DUI)

- (A) ¿Se grabará en video el análisis? Si la respuesta es Si, empieza aquí → - Informe al sujeto que va a ser grabado en video.  
Si la respuesta es No, empieza aquí → - Informe al sujeto de lo que se requiere (ejemplo: soplar, sangre, urina.)
- (B) De al sujeto una copia escrita de la siguiente advertencia y lea la advertencia al sujeto:
  - Usted queda detenido por el Delito de Manejar Bajo los Efectos de Alcohol o Drogas (Felony DUI), Sección 56-5-2945, del Código de Leyes de Carolina del Sur de 1976, según su enmienda, o un agente del orden público tiene motivo justificado para afirmar que usted ha quebrantado esta sección.
  - El agente ordenó que usted se someta a que le saquen muestras de alcohol y/o drogas.
  - Se obtendrán y se analizarán las muestras según la Sección 56-5-2950 y las normas de SLED.
  - Según la Sección 56-5-2946, usted tiene que someterse a alguno de los análisis químicos, o a una combinación de los mismos, para determinar si existe la presencia de alcohol, drogas o una combinación de alcohol y drogas.
  - Si usted se resiste, dificulta o se opone a los análisis, según la sección 56-5-2946, este hecho se considera prueba admisible ante un tribunal de justicia en un juicio oral.
  - Si en sus análisis o muestras se detecta una concentración de alcohol de quince centésimos del uno por ciento (0,15%) o más, se le deberá suspender el derecho de manejar en Carolina del Sur por lo menos durante un (1) mes.
  - Usted tiene el derecho de que una persona que usted elija y que esté capacitada para hacerlo, realice sus propios análisis adicionales, los cuales usted mismo tiene que pagar y en ese caso, el agente debe brindarle ayuda si usted lo solicita.
  - Usted tiene el derecho de solicitar una audiencia administrativa dentro de los treinta (30) días de la fecha en que se emitió la notificación de la suspensión.
  - Si usted no solicita una audiencia administrativa o si se le confirma la suspensión en la audiencia administrativa, usted tiene que matricularse en un Programa de Medidas Contra el Abuso del Consumo del Alcohol y las Drogas.

Si aplica, efectue los procesos siguientes:

- (C) Inspecciona la boca del sujeto y quite material ajena de la boca. (Ignora si se niega el sujeto.)
- (D) Anade datos biograficos en el DataMaster DMT. (Esto es requerido para todos los exámenes aunque se niege el sujeto.)
- (E) Observe al sujeto un minimo de (20) minutos antes de obtener un ejemplar al soplar aire. (Ignora si se niega.)

Subject's Signature [Signature]  
Firma del Sujeto (Recibió una copia)



Officer's Signature [Signature] 058-31-2014 0155  
Firma del Agente date/time  
fecha/hora


STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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 COUNTY OF CLARENDON )  
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 State of South Carolina, )  
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 vs. )  
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 Tammy Dianne Brown, )  
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 Defendant. )  
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IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
 FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 INDICTMENT NO.: 2014-GS-14-408


AFFIDAVIT OF TROOPER  
 JEFFREY K. MINNIX

Personally appeared before me one Trooper Jeffrey K. Minnix, who being duly sworn, deposes and states that:

1. The affiant was the investigating trooper for a collision which occurred on August 30, 2014 at approximately 23:56 on SC 261 in Clarendon County, which is the basis for the above-captioned case.
2. I responded to the above-referenced collision on August 31, 2014, arriving on scene at approximately 00:18. Upon my arrival, I discovered that a white car had struck a black pick-up truck in the rear and that the black pick-up had traveled off of the roadway and struck a tree. The occupants of the black pick-up were incapacitated.
3. It was physically impossible to video the conduct of the driver of the white car, identified as Tammy Dianne Brown, at the incident scene due to the fact that she required emergency medical treatment and was already being attended to by EMS. Ms. Brown was thereafter transported to Clarendon Memorial Hospital for treatment, rendering it impossible to video her conduct at a breath test site.
4. Although my camera and body microphone were operational at the time, due to the presence of other first responders at the collision scene, I was unable to maneuver my patrol car within range so that my body microphone could pick up my initial interview in the ambulance with Ms. Brown.

  
 Trooper Jeffrey K. Minnix, SCHP

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018

  
 Christopher R. DuRant  
 Notary Public of South Carolina  
 My Commission Expires: 9/16/25



DOCKET NO. 2014-GS-14-0408

The State of South Carolina  
County of CLARENDON

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

March TERM 2018

THE STATE

vs.

TAMMY DIANNE BROWN

(Amended) Indictment for

1. DUI / FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, DEATH RESULTS
2. DUI / FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, GREAT BODILY INJURY RESULTS

*Ernest A. Finney III*

ERNEST A. FINNEY, III, SOLICITOR

WITNESSES

JK Minnix S C Highway Patrol

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2014A1410200080 2014A1410200061

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

*True Bill*

*Subscribed Do you 8.c.*  
Foreperson of Grand Jury

Date: *3-15-2018*

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF CLARENDON )

(AMENDED) INDICTMENT FOR

1. DUI / FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, DEATH RESULTS
2. DUI / FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, GREAT BODILY INJURY RESULTS

At a Court of General Sessions convened on December 11, 2014, the Grand Jurors of CLARENDON County present upon their oath:

**COUNT ONE – FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, DEATH RESULTS**

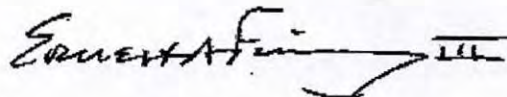
That in Clarendon County, South Carolina, on or about August 30, 2014, while driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, drugs or a combination of alcohol and drugs, the Defendant, Tammy Dianne Brown did an act forbidden by law or neglected a duty imposed by law in the driving of said vehicle; and such act proximately caused the death of Guillermo Lopez-Arenas; all in violation of Section 56-5-2945, S.C. Code of Laws (1976, as amended).

**COUNT TWO – FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, GREAT BODILY INJURY RESULTS**

That in Clarendon County, South Carolina, on or about August 30, 2014, while driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, drugs or a combination of alcohol and drugs, the Defendant, Tammy Dianne Brown did an act forbidden by law or neglected a duty imposed by law in the driving of said vehicle; and such act proximately caused great bodily injury to Arturo Murrieta-Blas; all in violation of Section 56-5-2945, S.C. Code of Laws (1976, as amended).

Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.

Solicitor



CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL FOR APPELLANT

Counsel for appellant certifies that this Record on Appeal contains all material proposed to be included by any of the parties and not any other material and that this Record on Appeal complies to the best of my ability with the April 15, 2014 order from the South Carolina Supreme Court entitled "Revised Order Concerning Personal Identifying Information and Other Sensitive Information in Appellate Court Filings."

Respectfully Submitted,



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Adam Sinclair Ruffin  
Appellate Defender

South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense  
Division of Appellate Defense  
PO Box 11589  
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ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

This 20th day of December, 2019,